

Title: Publish Your Daily Dilemma Results

Subject: Language Arts/Writing

Grade Level: 3rd – 8th Grade

Time: Varies depending on student ability

Objective:

Students will compose well-developed examples of expository writing and send them to the Wilderness Classroom Expedition Team.

Method:

Go to today's Daily Dilemma by clicking on the word Daily Dilemma along the left-hand side of the Trans-Amazon page.

Read the Daily Dilemma as a class, using an LCD projector or copy the Daily Dilemma onto a chalkboard or large paper. You can also have students read the Daily Dilemma themselves or in pairs/small groups. Lead a short large group discussion of the dilemma and possible solutions.

Students can then write their responses by filling out the form at the bottom of the page. Use the attached rubric (Explain Your Vote! rubric) as a guideline for students to base their answers on.

The answers are filtered through a moderator, and they will only publish responses that show well developed thought and are appropriate.

Please make sure that students correctly fill out all fields! It really helps if you post your email address so that students can correctly fill out the form. The Wilderness Classroom will often respond directly to well-written responses, and it is impossible to communicate if students do not leave a correct email address.

Illinois State Goals and Learning Standards:

5.C.2a Create a variety of print and nonprint documents to communicate acquired information for specific audiences and purposes.

5.C.3a Plan, compose, edit and revise documents that synthesize new meaning gleaned from multiple sources.

3.C.2a Write for a variety of purposes and for specified audiences in a variety of forms including narrative

3.C.3a Compose narrative, informative, and persuasive writings

3.C.2b Produce and format compositions for specified audiences using available technology.

Lesson Extensions:

Have students form fully developed expository essays based on the Daily Dilemma. Students can then type their answers and send them to the Wilderness Classroom as an email: eric@wildernessclassroom.com or info@wildernessclassroom.com

Publish Your Daily Dilemma Response!

Dilemmas are a major part of any adventure. We really do rely on your help to guide us safely through the Amazon. We need to make sure that the decisions your making for us are well-thought out and show that you're working with us!

One of the best ways to make your ideas count is by writing to us. You can use this worksheet to help your organize your essay.

Make sure that your essay is well written, spelled correctly, and uses proper punctuation.

1. What is the dilemma the team in facing?

2. What kind of problem is this dilemma?

- a. Logistical – they need to know where to go
- b. Safety – they need to find out a way to stay safe
- c. Operational – the team needs to find out a better way to do something
- d. Ecological/ Moral – the team has a chance to help the rainforest or people

3. What are some possible solutions to this dilemma?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

4. What solution do you think would work best?

5. Name three ways this solution would help the team or the environment.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

Submit your Essay to The Wilderness Classroom Team!

You can email them to eric@wildernessclassroom.com or info@wildernessclassroom.com
Or you can copy and paste them into the form at the bottom of the Daily Dilemma page.

Make sure your name, school, grade, and teacher's email address is correct!

6. Fill out the chart to help develop support for your ideas

	Paragraph 2	Paragraph 3	Paragraph 4
Supporting Detail #1			
Supporting Detail #2			
Supporting Detail #3			

6. My thesis statement is going to be...

7. The topic sentence for Paragraph 2 is going to be...

8. The topic sentence for Paragraph 3 is going to be...

9. The topic sentence for Paragraph 4 is going to be...

10. My conclusion statement is going to be....

The best essays we receive will be published to the Wilderness Classroom's web site with your name and school.

The classroom that submits the most published essays will receive a gift from the Amazon and an autographed photo of the Trans-Amazon Team.