

Identifying 21st Century Skills in the Context of Social Studies Lesson Plans:

Lesson Title: **Operation Create-a-Children's Book**

Directions: Use the checklist below to identify whether or not the lesson plan under evaluation has 21st century skill components and if so, which components are present. Make note of how the skill is addressed in the lesson plan. Use Lawrence K. Jones' Document "The Foundation Skills" to help you (available from: <http://www.careerkey.org/pdf/The%20Foundation%20Skills.pdf>).

Basic Skills

- Reading (students are researching)
- Writing (creating the book: rd, fd, etc.)
- Mathematics
- Speaking (presentations)
- Listening (mini-lectures)

Thinking Skills

- Creative Thinking (developing a storyline)
- Problem-Solving Skills
- Decision Making Skills (deciding on a topic, use of historical information, etc)
- Visualization (illustrating book)

People Skills

- Social (working in groups)
- Negotiation (deciding on a topic)
- Leadership (working in groups)
- Teamwork (working in groups)
- Cultural Diversity (working in groups/presenting to elementary students)

Personal Outcomes

- Self-Esteem (presentations/response from community)
- Self-Management (student reflections)
- Responsibility (completing every step of the project)