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Introduction

A good book can touch the lives of children like a good friend. Great care has been taken in selecting the books and activities featured in the Literature Unit series. All the activities in this unit are intended for use with primary students, grades one to three. Some activities may need to be modified to meet the needs of students at various levels of ability. (Several modification options are included in the Suggestions for Using the Unit Activities.) Activities in all academic subjects have been incorporated to make this a unit which teaches and reinforces skills across the curriculum. It is hoped that students will enjoy the story and feel a kinship with Alexander, while gaining knowledge and skills in all areas.

Teachers who use the activities to supplement their own ideas can choose one of the following methods:

A Sample Lesson Plan

The sample lesson plan on page four provides you with a specific set of lesson suggestions. Each of the lessons suggested can take from one to several days to complete and can include all or some of the suggested activities. Refer to the Suggestions for Using the Unit Activities on pages 7–13 for information relating to unit activities.

A Unit Planner

If you wish to tailor the suggestions on pages 7–13 to a format other than that prescribed on the next page, use the Unit Planner on page five. On a specific day, you may choose the activities you wish to include by writing the activity number or a brief notation about the lesson in the Unit Activities section. Space has also been provided for other related notes and comments. Reproduce copies of page five as needed.