

Grades 3–5

Differentiated Projects for Gifted Students

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Introduction

Differentiated Projects for Gifted Students was written to help teachers in third, fourth, and fifth grades differentiate instruction for advanced and gifted learners. The activities are hands-on, discovery-based, research-oriented, and cross-curricular. The content of the activities in *Differentiated Projects for Gifted Students* is based on social studies and science Common Core State Standards and national standards for third, fourth, and fifth grades. Math, language arts, and reading activities are integrated throughout.

How to Use This Book

Activities in *Differentiated Projects for Gifted Students* are grouped into chapters according to social studies and science standards. These activities can be assigned as independent study projects or can be completed by groups of students.

The activities in this book were written to support and extend instruction in upper elementary classrooms. When teachers are implementing units in social studies or science, they can choose extension activities to help students delve more deeply into subject matter.

The teacher may choose to use the activities in this book with all students. Some students may need more support with the research portions of these activities. In order to provide this extra support, we suggest bookmarking suitable websites in advance and enlisting the help of the library media specialist to gather print and electronic materials that students can use in the classroom.