

Program Goals

Each novel study provides teachers and students with:

- a carefully sequenced unit of teacher directed explicit instruction based on various state standards. Each novel study addresses three or more grade levels of state standards in language arts.
- lessons for quality, award-winning literature selections that have been chosen to cover a wide range of student interest and reading levels.
- novel studies that are designed to complement any basal reading program or may be used as a component of a teacher-developed literature-based program.
- a cumulative criterion-referenced end of unit test that provides teachers with a summative evaluation of each student's achievements.
- novel studies are not designed to be grade specific. They may be used with a range of students based on readability and age-appropriate student interest level.

For example, Where the Red Fern Grows may be used with students who are at an early grade five reading level, but the interest level, coverage of state standards, and complexity of the materials presented span grades five to eight.