# Language Arts Sample Systematic Instruction Script (LASSIS): Unit 3 Middle School Narrative Text Teacher Materials 

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Vocabulary
IdentifyIMatch

| Tree-ear | Crane-man | Min |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| crutch | orphan | master <br> potter |
| Celadon <br> pottery |  |  |

## Vocabulary Response Board



## Introduce the Text

Who is the main character in the story?


Where is the setting of the story?


## How are Tree-ear and the mushroom alike? They are both

$\qquad$ .


Why does Crane-man like his name? It is a symbol for
$\qquad$ .


What event happens today?


Comprehension Response Board

| his parents | Crane-man | yes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| parents died | NO <br> no | being hungry |
| trash | under a bridge | no money |

## Character Graphic Organizer





## Summarizing the Story Sentence Strips

(May use with sequence graphic organizer)


Tree-ear's parents die from fever.


Tree-ear goes to live with Crane-man under a bridge.


## Tree-ear wants to be a potter like Min.

## Summarizing the Story Response Options <br> (May use with sequence graphic organizer)



Context Clues Response Board


## Independent Reader Option

(This activity is optional for students learning to read independently)

| pot | day | one |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| sea | baby | sun |



## Build Toward Independent Reading (Level 2 Text)

Chapter 1


My name is Tree-ear. I am 12 years old.
I am an orphan. My parents died when I was a baby.
My friend is Crane-man. We live under a bridge.
I get my name from a mushroom. It does not have parents like me.

Crane-man walks on one leg, like a crane. That is where he gets his name.

I want to be a potter.
A potter makes pots from clay.
Min is the best potter.
First, Min throws clay on the wheel.
Then, he uses his hands to shape a pot.
Last, he looks at it. If it is not perfect, he starts again.
My village is perfect for making pots.
Ships carry the pottery to China where it is sold.
The clay is exactly right for making Celadon pottery.
Celadon pottery is worth a lot of money.

## Independent Reading Response Board




## Generalization Text: Current Event

## Park Geun-hye Elected President of South Korea

${ }^{1}$ Park Geun-hye is the new president of South Korea. Park is the first woman in the country's history to be president. Park said her win was a victory for the people. She pledged to keep her promises. She wants to start an era of happiness in the nation.
${ }^{2}$ Park is the daughter of former President Park Chunghee. Park was president of South Korea for 16 years. Some people believe his rule was good for South Korea. Others believe that he did little to improve the country's economy. He was assassinated in 1979.
${ }^{3}$ Like people in the United States, the people in South Korea are concerned about the economy. Many people in South Korea have little money. They don't make enough money to have a decent place to live and enough food to eat. Since 2006, the number of people living in poverty has increased.
${ }^{4}$ The gap between rich and poor is evident in Guryong village. Guryong village is part of the exclusive Gangnam district of Seoul. The Gangnam district was made famous by the viral "Gangnam Style" song by rapper PSY.
${ }^{5}$ Lee Ha-soong, 80, has lived in Guryong village for 30 years. Her home floods when it rains or snows. She has to stay with neighbors. Lee wants things to change in her country, but she is not optimistic. She says politicians ask how they can help, but don't do anything. Less than a mile away from her shack, high-rise apartments stretch into the sky. The cheapest apartment in these buildings cost $\$ 1.2$ million. It is in an area known as the Beverly Hills of Seoul.

Current Event Response Board

| Park Geun-hye | First woman president | High-rise apartments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| happiness | no | not optimistic |
| economy | Park Chunghee | yes |

Current Event Topic Sentence Strips
the economy of South Korea
the gap between rich and poor
cheap housing in the Gangnam district
Park Geun-hye, newly elected president of
South Korea

## Poetry Response Board

|  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |

## Poetry Main Idea Sentence Strips



SEQUENCE GRAPHIC ORGANIZER (for sentence strips)
FIRST


NEXT


LAST

SEQUENCE GRAPHIC ORGANIZER (for smaller response options)


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