

ABC Books at all Levels:

ABC books are not just for kindergartners anymore! There are a wide variety of ABC Books on numerous topics available. Read several of these throughout the year. Some good examples by Devin Scillian are *S is for Sooner* and *P is for Passport: A World Alphabet*. Another good example is *A Walk in the Rainforest* by Kristin Pratt. Then ask students to create their own ABC book on either a topic of their choice or a topic assigned by the teacher. Students can then work in pairs or cooperative groups to create their own ABC book. ABC books are good for developing vocabulary and are also a good way of assessing how well students have mastered the content taught. A variation for younger or beginning students can be an ABC class book where each student does one or two letters and then the class has one completed book. Almost anything can be a good topic for an ABC Book – The Revolutionary War, Rocks, Space, Landforms, Pioneers, Government, Pets, Vegetables, etc... Be sure to provide a student timeline for when they should have 1) a list of vocabulary, 2) sketches for each word, 3) Cover, title and author page, 4) Final, beautiful, finished copy.