Free Choice:

#1. Heading:

Title of Novel: *The Call of the Wild*

Publishing information: (Grosset & Dunlap, New York, 1965)

Title of Strategy: Comparing Book to Movie, Venn Diagram

#2. Context:

This strategy will be taught during the novel so that students may find the differences between book and movie adaptations of the same story. It is important for them to understand how the same theme of survival can be portrayed in different ways, with different emphases. The Venn Diagram, while a simple activity, is an effective one because it presents information in a concise, visual medium.

#3. Statement of Purpose:

The Venn Diagram comparison activity is used to showcase the differences between the book and movie versions of *The Call of the Wild*. As students read the book, they may be tempted to think that watching the movie is the same thing. It is not! A Venn Diagram will illustrate the similarities between the two, but also highlight the differences in character, plot, and setting. Some important information in London’s work is discarded in the film, and knowing which parts “survived” the adaptation can help students appreciate the novel further.

#4. Directions:

Time: Implemented for one 45 minute class period. Requires 15 minutes.

Materials Needed:

- Spiral for each student
- Novel for each student

STEP 1: After watching the movie and reading enough of the novel that students are familiar with both adaptations, have students work individually to complete a Venn Diagram that illustrates the similarities and differences in both stories.

STEP 2: Students must work individually to complete this activity. Each section of the Venn Diagram must include 5 items. They will include this activity in their spirals, to be graded at the end of the unit.
STEP 3: At the bottom of the diagram, students must include their perspective on which adaptation is “better” in terms of character, plot, and action.

#5. Assessment: (10 minutes)

This exercise is graded both on quality of material, and thoroughness of completion. Students must have 5 items in each section, as well as show significant attention to detail in both book and movie. At the end, students must defend their choice with examples from either adaptation.

*The Call of the Wild: Book vs. Movie*

Venn Diagram

Book:   Similarities:   Movie: