

VisionTree™ Classroom Case Study

Courtesy of Mill Valley High School

VisionTree English Class Case Study

Background:

VisionTree Classroom Edition was incorporated into the summer curriculum of Mill Valley High School (Shawnee, Kansas) to help teach the novel *Boy's Life* by Robert McGowan. The VisionTree staff created a help file that served to test student's knowledge of character development in the story, focusing on a pivotal decision made by the main character and the factors that went in to the final outcome.

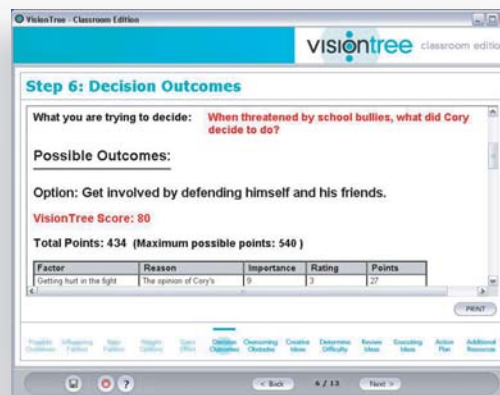
Application:

Applied by students in the school's computer lab, the English teacher found that 93% of the class got the right answer to the character development situation presented by using VisionTree software, and the 7% who didn't were those who he had assumed weren't reading the novel based on previous assessments.

Results:

The students responded overwhelmingly, stating that they enjoyed using the software and that they believed it would work as an excellent information retention and review tool. By using VisionTree Software, students were able to lay out all the information they felt was necessary in determining why the main character made the decision he made, and provided an interactive way to review and analyze the material to instantly determine whether or not they comprehended the novel.

Assess knowledge through results scorecard.



The screenshot shows the VisionTree Classroom Edition interface. The title bar reads "VisionTree - Classroom Edition". The main window has a blue header with the "visiontree" logo and "classroom edition" text. Below the header, the section is titled "Step 6: Decision Outcomes". The question posed is "What you are trying to decide: When threatened by school bullies, what did Cory decide to do?". Under "Possible Outcomes:", an option is listed: "Option: Get involved by defending himself and his friends." Below this, the "VisionTree Score: 80" is displayed, followed by "Total Points: 434 (Maximum possible points: 540)". A table summarizes the analysis:

Factor	Reason	Importance	Rating	Points
Getting hurt in the fight	The opinion of Cory's	9	3	27

At the bottom of the window, there is a navigation bar with buttons for "Back" and "Next", and a progress indicator showing "4 / 13".

VisionTree Classroom Edition applied to teaching a novel is just one aspect of demonstrating the program's versatility to any subject as an innovative and interactive learning tool for students and educators.