

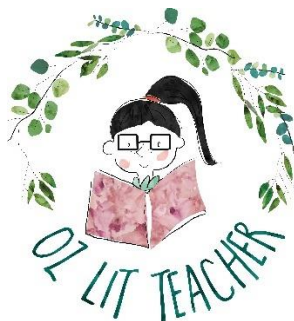
PEREGRINES IN THE CITY

ANDREW KELLY, SUE LAWSON AND DEAN JONES



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				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Writing	
Ideas	✓
Organisation	✓
Voice	
Word Choice	✓
Sentence Fluency	✓
Conventions	✓
Presentation	



Reading	
Determining Importance	✓
Inferring	✓
Making Connections	✓
Predicting	
Questioning	✓
Summarising & Synthesising	✓
Visualising	

Peregrines in the City, written by Andrew Kelly and Sue Lawson and illustrated by Dean A. Jones, is a non-fiction narrative that informs readers about the fascinating breeding journey of the peregrine falcons who nest at 367 Collins Street in Melbourne each year.

Writing

IDEAS: The authors have clearly done their research on this topic and include loads of credible and accurate details about the falcons. These provide the reader with evidence of the author's knowledge. **ORGANISATION:** The information in this text is organised in such a way that it follows the events of the breeding season for the falcons. Information -including relevant details- is presented chronologically. **WORD CHOICE:** This is the standout of this text. Countless rich tier 2 and tier 3 words are placed throughout the book. It would make an excellent vocab study book with meaty verbs such as clutch, thrusts, grasps, fusses, banks, hunches and incubates worthy of explicit teaching. Tier 3 subject specific words include: tiercel, falcon, eyas, scrape, talons, down, tarsi. I recommend studying these tier 3 words and exploring how the writer has helped the reader to infer the meanings of these technical words. **SENTENCE FLUENCY:** A range of sentence types have been used to pack as much information into each sentence as possible.

Reading

Understanding the vocabulary in this text is key to comprehension of the information. Teach students strategies for unlocking the meaning of unknown vocabulary so they can follow the storyline. Because of the amount of detail packed into each of the sentences, this book would make an ideal text for Close Reading. Students could retell each of the steps along the peregrine breeding season journey to show their understanding of the text- perhaps they could act or draw it out.

Note: There is a live stream of the peregrine falcons featured in this text. It is absolutely fascinating to watch! Search for 367 Collins Street Falcons on YouTube to locate the livestream between August and November each year.