

**Title III Technology Literacy Challenge Grant**

## **Learning Unit**

**LU Title:** The War With Grandpa -  
Solutions to Family Problems

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### OVERVIEW

This literature-based unit is based on the book The War With Grandpa by Robert Kimmel Smith. This unit was originally written for use with a heterogeneously group of 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. It would be done most successfully with students who are above average readers (at the 4<sup>th</sup> grade level) if reading will be done independently. It can also be used successfully if the book is read aloud by the teacher, and students have copies of the book to follow along and/or read together. In this unit students will explore their thoughts and feelings about families, elderly relatives, and conflict resolution.

### Story Summary

Peter is thrilled that Grandpa is coming to live with his family. That is, until Grandpa moves right into Peter's room, forcing him upstairs. Peter loves his grandpa but wants his room back. He has no choice but to declare war! With the help of his friends, Peter devises outrageous plans to make Grandpa surrender the room. But Grandpa is tougher than he looks. Rather than give in, Grandpa plans to get even. They used to be such great pals. Has their war gone too far?

Summary taken from back cover of October 1984 Yearling/Dell edition of The War With Grandpa. Page numbers referenced throughout this unit refer to that edition.