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## **Trade Book Sheet**

**Title of book:** Coming On Home Soon

**Author's name:** Jacqueline Woodson

**Publisher:** G.P. Putnam's Sons

**Copyright year:** 2004

**Reading level:** 550L Grades 3 – 4

**Genre:** Historical Fiction

**Synopsis of story:** There is a war going on and Ada Ruth's mother leaves her with her grandmother while she goes to Chicago to find a job on the railroad. This is the story of how Ada Ruth must stay behind and wait for her mother to come home. She only knows one thing...her mother loves her more than rain.

**Standard:** 3.3.5 Science Give examples of how change, such as weather patterns, is a continual process occurring on Earth.

**Activity:** Weather Journal: At the beginning of the year the class will begin a weather journal. Each week a student will be responsible for entering weather information such as temperature, amount of sun/clouds, amount of rain/snow, etc. At the end of the week the student will give a short summary of the weather for the week. An "average" for the weather will be determined for that week and will be graphed on a bulletin board for the entire year.

**Standard:** 3.5.3 Language Arts Write personal, persuasive, and formal letters, thank you notes, and invitations that

- Show awareness of the knowledge and interests of the audience.
- Establish a purpose and context.
- Include the date, proper salutation, body, closing, and signature.

**Activity:** Creating a Card: Using a computer the students will write and decorate a card or letter to a family member. The student should pretend that they have not seen this family member for awhile and should include in their letter what they have been doing. They should also want to know things about the person they have chosen to write to. The students will be allowed to be as creative as they would like to be; using pictures and designs from a computer program.