Author study Chris Van Allsburg  
Grade 4 - Spring

Learn about the author Chris Van Allsburg through several read alouds of his books.

This lesson incorporates critical thinking questions for each story focusing on an element of literary style (writing, perspective, use of fantasy vs reality, etc.) His website has many ideas for discussion questions as well as lesson ideas to help enhance the unit.

The students receive a packet at the beginning of the unit. After each story, the students are expected to complete the related activity in the packet. Most activities involve writing, drawing, imagination, and critical thinking. Word searches are the “reward” for completing the written activity.

The lesson can be wrapped up by studying/reading the author’s biography at the end as well as the students given the opportunity to explore the author’s website.