

Topic/Unit Planner

Teacher (s): Pickard
Subject: English

Grade: 7
Est. Timeframe: January

Topic/sub-topics	Essential Learning	Standards	Performance Assessment	Strategies
<p>Narrative essay</p> <p>Collaborative project focusing on the all-school theme. This year it is PEACE</p>	<p>Understandings (SWUT): (Students will understand that...)</p> <p>Planning a narrative essay must use personal pronouns as the narrator, grab the reader’s attention, and be filled with sensory details, dialogue, and descriptive phrases that tell a story</p> <p>Peace is a global issue that students can read about, speak about, and write about. People have won awards and dedicated their life’s work to attaining Peace.</p>	<p>3A3 3B3a 3B3b 3C3a</p> <p>5A 5B 5C</p>	<p>Write a personal story that invites the audience to view your experience.</p> <p>Read two novellas in lit class to investigate the theme. Discuss the books and answer critical thinking questions. Research a Nobel Peace Prize winner. Create a poster. Select an activity that highlights the themes and information of the novellas. Create a PowerPoint slide show. Present the slides with additional commentary.</p>	<p>Read sample student narratives. Tell stories of personal experiences in class. Read a few picture books that tell a story.</p> <p>Coordinate with Lit class for reading and discussing <u>Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes</u> and <u>Hiroshima</u>. Give a “Choice Board” to select activities to create/perform. Assign Peace Prize winner names. Provide time for research and computer time for slide work.</p>
<p>Major Resources: Books, Writing Quest materials, computers, word processing software</p> <p>Trade books, group collaboration, art supplies, storyboards, computers, PowerPoint and Word software, Peace Jam video, origami paper</p>	<p>Skills (SWBAT): (Students will be able to...)</p> <p>Write a narrative essay that shares vividly a personal experience. Apply the elements of writing that help to tell a good story.</p> <p>Comprehend the effect of war on people. Analyze the issues of war in a society’s everyday life and the personal implications for private citizens. Demonstrate compassion by folding paper cranes and honoring the dead.</p>			