

## Topic/Unit Planner

**Teacher (s):** Pickard  
**Subject:** English

**Grade:** 8  
**Est. Timeframe:** January

Topic/sub-topics	Essential Learning	Standards	Performance Assessment	Strategies
<p>Book Report – select a biography</p> <p>All-School theme project. This year it is PEACE.</p>	<p><b>Understandings (SWUT):</b>  <b>(Students will understand that...)</b></p> <p><b>It is important to vary reading genres. This is a new opportunity to speak in public.</b></p> <p><b>Peace is a topic they can speak, read, write about. They will learn the Ten Catholic Social Teaching Principles. They will employ group dynamics to explore marketing/design techniques, and carry out a performance piece.</b></p>	<p>2A3c 4A3a</p> <p>3C3b 4B3b 5A3b</p>	<p><b>Read a book and give a 2 minute extemporaneous speech “in character” that covers a list of required elements.</b></p> <p><b>Give a speech that explains societal issues and Christian social activism; create a product; write a script, build puppets, produce a puppet show that promotes the theme of PEACE. Worksheets that give highlight PEACE vocabulary and concepts.</b></p>	<p>Share the rubric so students know how to plan their speeches.</p> <p>Large group discussion to understand principles; small group brainstorming sessions to plan products and productions; time in class for all work; rubrics given for guidance in the process</p>
<p><b>Major Resources:</b></p> <p>Classroom bookshelf, library, stop watch</p> <p>Peace Packet that outlines all requirements and expectations; art supplies, computers</p>	<p><b>Skills (SWBAT):</b>  <b>(Students will be able to...)</b></p> <p><b>Give a speech in first person narrative that establishes good eye contact, has a well-planned opening and close, and is informative.</b></p> <p><b>Comprehend issues involving PEACE and apply those ideas to the Catholic Social Teaching Principles. Recall the concepts covered in our all-school study of PEACE and write a script that is geared for a K-3 grade audience. Plan scenery, music, sound effects that engage that age group and get the message across.</b></p>			