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Lesson Plan: Mythology Around the World (grades 6-8)

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Lesson Plan

Course/Grade Level:

- Humanities-Grade 7

Topic/Title:

- Mythology Around the World

Historical Time Period(s):

- Ancient Cultures 12,000 B.C.-750 B.C.

Thematic Question:

- How do universal themes contained in ancient myths/folk tales around the world connect to our lives today?

Standards/Benchmarks/Indicators:

- English Language Arts: Reading Applications, Literary Text
 - A. Describe and analyze the elements of character development.
 - B. Analyze the importance of setting.
 - C. Identify the elements of plot and establish a connection between an element and a future event.
 - D. Differentiate between the points of view in narrative text.
 - E. Demonstrate comprehension by inferring themes, patterns and symbols.
 - F. Identify similarities and differences of various literary forms and genres.
 - G. Explain how figurative language expresses ideas and conveys mood.
- English Language Arts: Communication: Oral and Visual
 - E. Present ideas in a logical sequence and use effective introductions and conclusions that guide and inform a listener's understanding of key ideas.
 - F. Give presentations using a variety of delivery methods, visual materials and technology

Materials/Resources:

1. Interview Sheet
2. Poster/Colored/Textured Paper
3. Coloring Materials
4. World Mythology Picture Books
5. Video Camera

Motivation (Attention Grabber):

1. Whole Class Discussion: Brainstorm and create a list of universal themes of stories from ancient cultures from contemporary stories from today's popular novels/television programs.
2. Pose the Focus Question/Thematic Question.

Activities:

1. Interviews with Relatives About Oral Tradition/Family Tales
2. Poster Project Depicting Literary Elements of the Myth
3. Oral Presentation of Poster/Literary Elements
4. Explanation of Universal Theme Contained in the Myth

Assessment:

1. Posters and Presentations --Videotaped
2. Rubrics for Peer and Teacher Feedback