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