

LESSON TITLE: "Based on a True Story"

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SUBJECT: Social Studies, Arts ,Language Arts and Computer Sciences

DIFFERENTIATED for grades 3-5

TIME FRAME: 1 HRX5VISITS/PER CLASS

THE BIG GOAL(s): Create a puppet and produce a DVD based on students' research using puppets.

THE OBJECTIVES: Research current social studies topic based on classroom units. Draw and sculpt puppets. Create green-screen backdrop. Videotape and edit for final creation of DVD.

WORKSHOP CHECKLIST Artists and SWABATS (Students Will Be Able To)

TOOLS AND MATERIALS

WORKSHOP 1: I'll have the class discuss the current social studies lesson with me. We'll look for the main points and figure out several possible dramatic scenes. Students will be asked to draw characters involved in the scenes they have chosen. The students will be asked to write a script based on what evidence they can research. These examples of student writings will very much mirror "Based on a true story" format.

Paper and pencil

WORKSHOP 2: Start with peer script editing in small groups. Start puppet construction. Again the work will depend on research to accurately depict the characters. Draw and/or find examples of costumes for puppets. Discuss props.

Styrofoam head blank.
Tissue paper.
Glue.

WORKSHOP 3: Paint puppet heads. Sew puppet bodies. Introduce greenscreen techniques. Students will be asked to illustrate their background using their own drawings or a photo, again it needs to be evidence based. Create any needed props.

Sewing Machine
Cloth samples for puppets.
Ipad
Greenscreen fabric and lighting

WORKSHOP 4: Finish up puppets. Show how to edit a video using imovie. As they are ready student groups or individuals, will be videotaped. Typically, not everyone is ready all at once and there will be a discussion on polishing the performance prior to taping.

ipad

WORKSHOP 5: group editing of videos. Ideally this can be done on a large screen. And there will be a final product, The DVD will be available for copy

Ipad
computer

