English Language Arts | Fifth Grade

Writing

Unit: 1	Memoirs

essential skills and content

Overview	A memoir is a writing that covers a short period of time of the life of the person writing it. Memoirs focus on the events, thoughts and feelings of that person. They are often about a specific time or place or a moment in history that is important to the writer. Memoirs communicate the conflict or drama as they unfold, but with a strong personal point of view. (<u>Newcomers to America</u> pg.2) W.5.3 W.5.4 W.5.5 W.5.6 Time Frame-4 weeks	
Essential Questions	How can I use my life experiences to write a memoir? How can I use the writing process to create a published piece of writing?	
Learning Targets		
Content/Skills	<u>Writing:</u> • Compare and contrast a personal narrative to a memoir • Mentor memoirs • Features of a memoir • Brainstorm using a timeline • Narrow the focus • Explain sequential and descriptive text structures • Organizing ideas • Word choice • Draft and publish • Self- reflection	Additional Lessons

	Grammar:
	• Compound subjects (BLM 5, 7 for lesson on pgs. 38-39)
	• Compound sentences (Lead 21)
	• Capitalization rules (Lead 21)
	• Types of sentences (Lead 21)
	• Dialogue (BLM 9 for lesson on pgs. 42-43)
	• Possessive nouns (Lead 21)

balanced assessment

COMPONENT	REQUIRED	SUGGESTED
Formative Assessment	Narrative Informative, nonfiction topic Persuasive Conferring	
Summative Assessment		
District-Wide Common Assessment		

learning experiences

COMPONENT	REQUIRED	SUGGESTED
Suggested Resources/ Learning Experiences	Benchmark Writing	• The Memory String by Bunting • Grandfather's Journey by Say • The Relatives Came by Rylant • Thank You Mr. Falker by Polacco • Aunt Flossie's Hats (and Crab Cakes Later) by Howard

COMPONENT	REQUIRED	SUGGESTED
Content Literacy	• Respond to and interpret text • Analyze the genre • Distinguish and evaluate fact and opinion • Identify sequence of events	
Technology / Media		• Computers for word processing
Differentiation / Intervention	• Conferencing with students • Mini-lessons as needed	

content-specific components

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