

ESLDO Course Plan

Non Fiction

Goals

- Learn Traditional Medicine Wheel - All Our Relations (*Self, Family, Community, Natural World*)
- Apply directions of Medicine Wheel as reading strategy
- Exposure to First Nations writers
- Recognize cultural richness
- Build understanding of historical/ contemporary challenges
- Break down potential stereotypes
- Build understanding of First Nations contributions and successes in society
- Understand voice (word choice, grammar) and form (report, news article, speech)
- Summarize (Main idea with support)

Potential Texts

News Article - "We Found Somebody" Maurice Switzer

Speech - "Walk to Morning" Joseph Boyden

Personal (opinion) - "An Uncertain Journey" Forrest Rain Shapwaykeesic

Autobio - "Culture by Design" Ronald Everett Green

"Waawaate Fobister: A Shining Star" Lisa Charleyboy

Talking Circle - personal journeys, conflicts, and resolutions in relation to Medicine Wheel (Personal Stories, Make text to life / text to self connections)

Short stories

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- Learn Traditional Medicine Wheel - All Our Relations (*Self, Family, Community, Natural World*)
- Build awareness of First Nations teachings
- Use Traditional Medicine Wheel for students to make connections between text and life
- Students reflect personally on

- Track setting, characters, and conflicts in relation to Medicine Wheel
- Use Medicine Wheel directions to reflect on theme
- Understand imagery, mood of text
- Character analysis through paragraph writing

Potential Texts

Short story - "An Afternoon in Bright Sunlight" (S. Bruised Head)

Poem "3740166701" John Adrian McDonald

Short Story - "The Amazing Sense of Shake" Cherie Dimaline

Assorted poems from the "Forest" section- Of Trees and Their Wisdom by Albert Dumont

Talking Circle - personal journeys, conflicts, and resolutions in relation to Medicine Wheel (Make text to life/ text to self connections)

Novel Unit

Text: I am Algonquin by Rick Revelle

Goals

- Learn Traditional Medicine Wheel Balance of Life (*Spiritual, Emotional, Physical, Intellectual*)
- Apply directions to character conflicts and wellness
- Extend understanding of traditional First Nations traditions, beliefs, challenges, and resolutions
- Build vocabulary - natural environment, family relations, conflict and resolution
- Intro to essay writing - First Nations way of life, characters and conflict

Talking Circle - build understanding of character well being including relations, motives, struggles, and triumphs