



## Increasing Literacy through History Learning

### Correlates to My History at School Lesson Plans

[http://www.bringinghistoryhome.org/downloads/First/My\\_History\\_LessonPlans.pdf](http://www.bringinghistoryhome.org/downloads/First/My_History_LessonPlans.pdf)

### Activity 1: What is History?

#### Literacy Activities in the Lesson:

1. Teacher models the process of schema development and use as s/he reads **School Then and Now**.
2. Vocabulary development: focus on “history.”

#### Literacy Activities you incorporate in the lesson that don’t appear in the write-up.

- ❖ Class develops a concept map of “history.”

### Activity 2: Timelines

#### Literacy Activities in the Lesson:

1. Vocabulary knowledge: focus on “timeline.”
2. Synthesizing information: students synthesize various pieces of evidence to create a timeline.

#### Literacy Activities incorporated by BHH pilot teachers, in addition to those in the original BHH lesson.

- ❖ Journaling: Students write about a favorite part of the day that is included on the timeline. (Students write about what content they are learning.)

### Activity 3: Written Documents

#### Literacy Activities in the Lesson:

1. Vocabulary knowledge: Focus on “document.”
2. Teacher models questioning: Teacher asks question of various documents he/she reads, then students practice asking questions while “reading” a document.



3. Teacher models determining importance as s/he examines various written documents.

### Activity 4: Photos

#### Literacy Activities in the Lesson:

1. Vocabulary knowledge- Focus on “photograph.”
2. Teacher models making an inference based on another person’s photograph. Students then make an inference based on other students’ photographs.
3. Teacher models developing and using schema while reading **Schools Long Ago and Today**.

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- ❖ Students mix/pair/share to tell the story of their photographs.
- ❖ Students write the story of their picture to put in their baggie book.

### Activity 5: Other Sources

#### Literacy Activities in the Lesson:

1. Teacher models development and use of schema while reading **Then and Now**.

#### Literacy Activities incorporated by BHH pilot teachers, in addition to those in the original BHH lesson.

- ❖ Journaling: Students write about a favorite game played at school.
- ❖ Speaking: Students share about their potluck item, then other students ask questions of the potluck item.

### Activity 6: Mapping

#### Literacy Activities in the Lesson:

1. Teacher models schema while reading **Me on the Map**.
2. With the same book, teacher also models making predictions, summarizing, and visualizing.



## Activity 7: Mind Maps

### Literacy Activities in the Lesson:

1. Students synthesize unit's activities by making a mind map. Teacher models a mind map first.