



Increasing Literacy through History Learning

Correlates to Immigration History Lesson Plans

http://www.bringinghistoryhome.org/downloads/Second/2_Imm_LessonPlans.pdf

Activity 1: What is Immigration?

Literacy Activities in the Lesson:

1. Vocabulary Building: Focus on "immigration."
2. Graphic Organizer: Find home town, state, New York and Russia on maps to build schema for video.
3. Questioning (before, during and after) the video to discuss Fievel's family travels (track on map).
4. Writing: family origin worksheet.

Activity 2: KWL

Literacy Activities in the Lesson:

1. Graphic organizer: KWL Chart. Access prior knowledge (schema) about immigration so far.
2. Questioning before, during and after read aloud of Right Here on This Spot.

Activity 3: Who and Where?

Literacy Activities in the Lesson:

1. Questioning before, during and after read aloud of Watch the Stars Come Out.
2. Determining Importance/Noting Detail- students examine a ship's manifest to determine if immigrants were male/female, young/old, job held.

Activity 4: When and Why? A Timeline

Literacy Activities in the Lesson:

No activities for this lesson.



Activity 5: How?

Literacy Activities in the Lesson:

1. Questioning before, during and after read aloud of **Life at Ellis Island**.
2. Visualizing - students examine photos and compare them to images from the book.

Activity 6: Life in America

Literacy Activities in the Lesson:

1. Questioning before, during and after read alouds of **Going Home** and **Apple Pie Fourth of July**.
2. Visualizing: students examine photos to see immigrants in all walks of American life.
3. Questioning before, during and after read aloud of **Going Home**.
4. Questioning before, during, and after read aloud of **The Keeping Quilt**.

Activity 7: Mind Maps

Literacy Activities in the Lesson:

1. Questioning before, during and after read alouds of **Going Home** and **Apple Pie Fourth of July**.
2. Visualizing: students examine photos to see immigrants in all walks of American life.
3. Questioning before, during and after read aloud of **Going Home**.
4. Questioning before, during, and after read aloud of **The Keeping Quilt**.

Activity 8: Exchange of Cultures Festival

Literacy Activities in the Lesson:

See below.



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

- ❖ Applied Writing - Students create passport by writing personal information.