Creative Writing Lesson: Short Fiction

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Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, well-chosen details, and well-structured event sequences.

- ★ Engage and orient the reader by setting out a problem, situation, or observation and its significance, establishing one or multiple point(s) of view, and introducing a narrator and/or characters; create a smooth progression of experiences or events.
- ★ Use narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, reflection, and multiple plot lines, to develop experiences, events, and/or characters.
- ★ Use a variety of techniques to sequence events so that they build on one another to create a coherent whole and build toward a particular tone and outcome (e.g., a sense of mystery, suspense, growth, or resolution).
- ★ Use precise words and phrases, telling details, and sensory language to convey a vivid picture of the experiences, events, setting, and/or characters.
- rovide a conclusion that follows from and reflects on what is experienced, observed, or resolved over the course of the narrative.

Standards-Based Goals

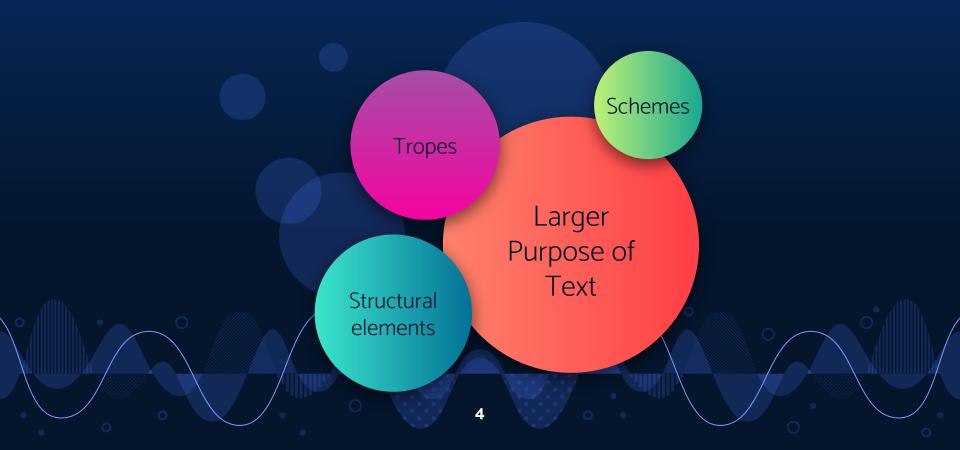
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★ Students will be able to distinguish the importance of the use of schemes and tropes in narratives.

Students will be able to connect stylistic techniques with the larger purpose of a narrative.

Students will be able to intentionally utilize literary devices within their own writing to build toward a larger purpose.

Components of Successful Narrative



Charlotte Perkins Gilman's "The Yellow Wallpaper"



Lesson Plan



- ★ Students will read Charlotte Perkins Gilman "The Yellow Wallpaper" individually
- ★ Following reading the work individually, students will get into small groups of 3-4 and conduct research regarding the work and its statement on society's attitude toward mental health.
- ★ After, students will present their findings as a group to the class, and the class will discuss their conclusions

Lesson Plan (Continued)



- ★ Students will identify techniques Gilman uses to demonstrate societal concept
- ★ Students will write their own fictional narrative with a larger purpose being demonstrated by stylistic techniques
- ★ Students will then peer edit and determine if they have achieved their larger purpose
- * Students will finalize their narrative

Why Write to Understand Stylistic Techniques?

* "Once students understand the challenge of making their writing both interesting and meaningful, they will come to recognize the efforts in the writers being studied" (Venuta 2020).

* "Responding to literature in creative ways would help the student to become a critical reader" (Venuta 2020).

Accommodations



- ★ Students with learning disabilities and ESOL students will be placed in groups with students who are capable of helping them to reach them the same conclusions from the text.
- ★ ESOL students will also be provided a translated version of this work if necessary
- ★ Audio versions of the text will also be provided for different learning styles

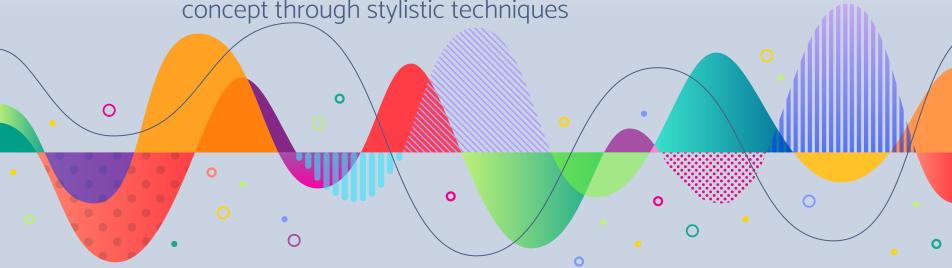
Assessment

★ Formative:

Presentation of research findings/participation in classroom discussion

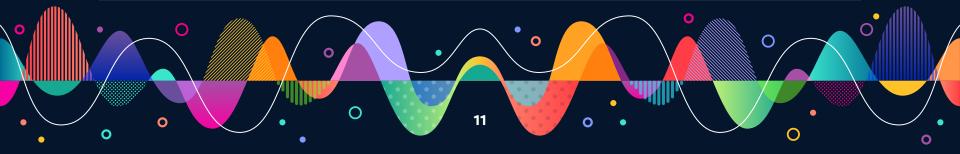
★ Summative:

 Production of a narrative properly demonstrating a societal concept through stylistic techniques



Authentic Assessment Rubric

Participation in Class Discussion	3	2	1
	Student contributed original ideas .	Student followed the thought process of discussion but could have contributed more.	Student did not contribute to the discussion, nor seem to understand.
Presentation of Group Research	3	2	1
	Group presented an extensive amount of research on the subject.	Group presented an adequate amount of research on the subject.	Group presented little or no research on the subject.
Production of a Narrative	3	2	1
	Student wrote a narrative that successfully represented societal conflict by utilizing both tropes and schemes.	Student wrote a narrative that utilized either tropes or schemes to represent a societal conflict.	Student wrote a narrative that did not utilize neither tropes nor schemes to represent a societal conflict.



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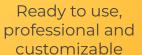
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