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Teaching has been my passion for many years. I have been teaching ballet, tap and jazz since 2005. When I graduated from St. Charles Community College with my associate's degree, I wanted to pursue my passion for teaching and writing by achieving my bachelors in secondary education English. Today, I am one semester away from achieving my goal. Teaching is a selfless job that will, in turn, give me pride and joy in myself, as well as my students. I knew that teaching is going to be a difficult job, but since I have completed my internship, I have come to realize that teaching is much more difficult than I ever expected. This creates a much needed challenge for me and for my future. The ever changing scene of students, education and classes will keep me on my toes. I am excited to move forward!

"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge." -Albert Einstein

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Emily Rollins Unit 2 Emily Dickinson Poetry

Rationale: I have created this unit to help students understand the meaning of Emily Dickinson's poetry, by using reader's and writer's theater. To have a better understanding of her poetry, the students will study the biography of Emily Dickinson and create a timeline of her life. They will explore the vocabulary of Emily Dickinson by interpreting, analyzing, and evaluating her poetry. To help the students recognize literary techniques in other poetry, the students will focus on imagery and tone in her poems. After reading one of her poems, the students will compose a personal memory in which the teacher will form into a writer's theater project. The students will use their creativity and work together to perform an Emily Dickinson poem, by using the concept of reader's theater. Having the students act out the lines of the poem is particularly relevant, because it will allow them to connect with the poem and the meanings behind it.

Summary: This will be an eleven day unit. In the first two classes the students will be researching the biography of Emily Dickinson's life. In groups, they will use their creative skills to design a timeline of her life. On days three through six, the students will analyze Dickinson's poems by picking out unknown vocabulary words. Then, as a class, they will generate a list of vocabulary words and look up the meanings using a dictionary and Emily Dickinson's Lexicon. Day seven and eight will be spent reading one poem and writing a personal memoir. On day nine, the students will perform one of Emily Dickinson's poems using the concept of Reader's Theater. On day ten, the students will be taking a final comprehensive test over Emily Dickinson's poetry. On day eleven, the students will be performing their own writing from day seven and eight's writing prompt.

Objectives:

- At the end of this unit, the students will perform one of their own pieces of writing using the concept of Writer's Theater, with 90% accuracy.
- By the end of this unit, the students will understand how to interpret imagery from poetry, with 85% accuracy.
- By the end of this unit, the students will read and apply multi-step directions to perform complex procedures such as Reader's Theater, with 90% accuracy.

Length of Curriculum: This unit will consist of eleven, 55 minuet class periods.

Literacy Strategies: Bubble mapping, Reader's Theater, Writers Theater, Tone and Imagery worksheet, Read aloud, KWL

Resources: Language Art's textbook, paper and pen, computer lab, classroom, handouts, bubble maps, Imagery worksheet

Assessment

Formative: Completion of timeline, quality of timeline, active participation in reader's theater and writer's theater

Summative: Confidence, expression, eye contact, and gestures in script reading, active participation in group work, Emily Dickinson multiple choice test, completion of timeline

Emily Rollins Emily Dickinson Biography

Grade	
Level:	

9-12

Subject: Language Arts

Prepared By: Emily Rollins

Essential Question

What kind of poetry might come from someone with this background?

Education Standards Addressed
 Record relevant information from multiple primary and secondary sources using a self-selected note-taking or organizational strategy.
-Analyze describe and evaluate the elements of messages projected in various media.

	Teacher Guide	Student Guide	
Objectives	By the end of class, the student will create a timeline of Emily Dickinson's life using the bio website, with 90 % accuracy.	In a group, create a timeline of Emily Dickinson's life using color, organization skills and research.	Materials Needed Student • Paper/pen • Lit. Book • Computer lab
Information	 On the white board KWL: Emily Dickinson 	 Take notes Discuss prior knowledge of Dickinson 	 Coloring material Blank paper Teacher Website handout 1
Verification	 Read the bio in Lit Book Read sample letter in book What does the letter reveal about Dickinson's life/personality EQ: Poetry? 	 Discuss essential question Read letters and bio from lit book 	Other Resources Computer Lab http://www.emilydickinsonmuseum.org/
Activity: Computer lab/ Classroom	 Go over handout 1 3 Groups: research website Monitor student research and progress on timeline 	 Research website and take notes Create a timeline of her life depending on group # 	
Summary	 Have each group present their timelines to the class Display the timelines in classroom 	Present timelinesPost in classroom	Group 1: Childhood and youth Group 2: The writing years Group 3: The later years

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Emily Dickinson Vocabulary/Imagery

Grade Level:	9-12	Subject:	Language Arts	Prepared By:	Emily Rollins
	Essential Question Can I summarize the images in Emily Dickinson's poetry in a paragraph or		Develop vocabular dictionary and thes -During reading, uti meaning of unknow	ilize strategies to determine	

	Teacher Guide	Student Guide	
Objectives	By the end of class, the student will understand Emily Dickinson's vocabulary with 85% accuracy. By the end of class, the student will summarize the images from one poem with 90% accuracy.	Write a list of words from Emily Dickinson's poems Research unknown words Summarize images from one poem in a paragraph or picture	Materials Needed Student • Lit. Book • Paper/pen • Computer Teacher • White board • Bubble map
Information	 What words do you see multiple times? Are these words common? Do you use these words? 	 Make a student generated list of "Dickinson Vocab" using the book 	
Verification	 Have students look up unknown words Use Emily Dickinson Lexicon <u>http://edl.byu.edu/lexicon</u> 	 Use dictionaries Use Emily Dickinson Lexicon 	Other Resources In class computer/ computer lab
Activity:	 Imagery: Read one poem in class Have students create a bubble map Respond to one or two images 	 Create a bubble map of words from poem Write a response to one or more images they find intriguing 	
Summary	 Responses in paragraph form Or Create a picture of one or more images from poem 	Respond with a paragraph or create a picture describing one or more images from the poem	

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Emily Dickinson Slant Writing

Grade Level:	9-12	Subject:	Language Arts	Prepared By:	Emily Rollins	
Essential Question				Education Standards Addressed		
How can I write a slant memoir using Emily Dickinson's poem "Tell the truth, but tell it slant"?				features to clarify n -Follow a writing pr -Compose a text us		

	Teacher Guide	Student Guide		
Objectives	By the end of class, the student will compose a slant memoir with 90% accuracy.	 Take notes Handout 2 Write a personal memory slant 	Materials Needed Student • Paper/pen • Lit. Book Teacher	
Information	 Dickinson was very serious about her poetry Discuss poem "tell the truth, but tell it slant" 	Listen and take notes	Handout 2	
Verification	 Read slant poem Discuss what it means line by line 	Listen and take notes	Other Resources	
Activity:	 Explain handout 2 Writing a memory slant Have students revise their work 	 Write a personal memory but write it slant Due by the next class period Revise! 		
Summary	• Let students know they will be using this for writers theater at the end of unit	 Revise Revise Revise		

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Emily Dickinson Readers Theater

Grade Level:	9-12	Subject:	Language Arts	Prepared By:	Emily Rollins	
Essential Question				Education Standards Addressed -Read and apply multi-step directions to perform		
Can I find meaning in an Emily Dickinson poem by using Readers Theater?				complex procedure -Analyze and evalu	s and or tasks ate literary techniques, sensory nguage, and sound devices	

	Teacher Guide	Student Guide	
Objectives	 By the end of class, the student will be able to act out an Emily Dickinson poem using reader's theater with 90% accuracy. Understand re theater forma Read handou Meet with gro assign roles Perform poen 		Materials Needed Student • Poem Teacher • Handout 3
Information	 Introduce Readers Theater HO 3: Discuss readers theater tips/staging/scripting/reading Enthusiasm/action/sound effects 	 Review Readers Theater HO 3 and Rubric 	
Verification	 Demonstrate practice RT over one line in poem with class Assign groups 	 Understand what teacher is looking for Meet with groups Assign roles for teammates 	Other Resources
Activity:	 Monitor group work Make sure students are using enough action/sound effects etc. Give groups 20 min to prepare 	 Highlight roles for group Use HO 3 to compose 	
Summary	Take turns performing scripts	Perform poems using readers theater strategies	

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Emily Dickinson Writers Theater

Grade	
Level:	

Subject: Language Arts

Prepared By: Emily Rollins

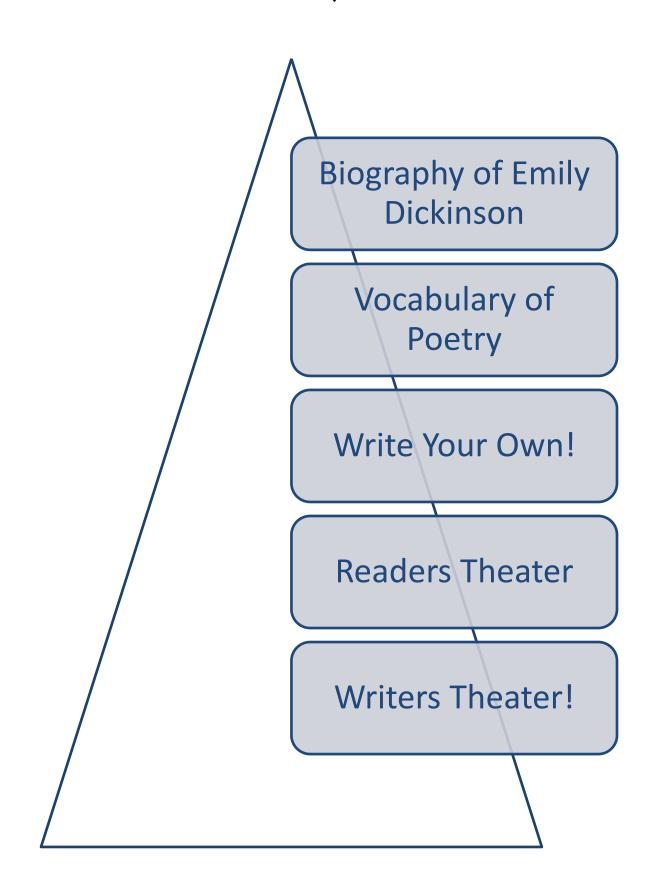
Essential Question How can I use writer's theater to present my own work?

9-12

Education Standards Addressed -Read and apply multi-step directions to perform complex procedures and or tasks

	Teacher Guide	Student Guide	
Objectives	By the end of class, the student will present their writing to the principal by using the writer's theater method with 90% accuracy.	 Read through Writers theater script Present Writers theater to principal Prepare for test 	Materials Needed Student • Paper/pen Teacher • Writer theater
Information	 Explain Writers theater to students Just like readers/ but no actions just vocal Emotions/word emphasis/ feelings 	Listen and take notes	scriptPrincipal for audience
Verification	 Choose script from students slant writing projects (meaningful to student) Create script before class 	 Review script with class Review and prepare for presentation 	Other Resources
Activity:	 Assign seating/setting/classroom for show Invite principal for reading 	Be prepared to present reading	
Summary	 Applause Recognition Praise for work Review for test 	 Applause and recognition Review for test 	

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Teacher Calendar

Teacher: Emily Rollins

Unit: Emily Dickinson Poetry

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week	-Print off	-Reserve	Start Unit	-LP1	-LP2: ED
One	HO 1-3	computer lab	- LP1 : ED Bio	continued:	Vocab/Imagery
One	-Invite	-Get	Bring (assign	Finish	-Bubble
	principle to	coloring/paper	groups)	timelines in	mapping poem
	presentations	together	-	class/display	1-2
			coloring/paper	in classroom	-In class
			to lab		computer
			-		-Write
			HO1:Website		responses
Week	-Bubble map	-Read and	-Read and	-LP3: ED	-LP3
Two	poem 3-4	discuss	discuss	Slant	continued:
1	-In class	meaning of	meaning of	Writing	Revise slant
	computer	poem 1-2	poem 3-4	-HO2: Slant	writing
	-Write	-	-	writing	-Turn in work
	responses	Tone/Imagery	Tone/Imagery		
		worksheet	worksheet		
Week	-LP4 : ED	Take Test	-LP5: ED		
Three	Readers	-Handout WT	Writers		
Ince	Theater	script/	Theater		
	-HO3:	Practice	-Set up		
	Readers		classroom		
	theater/		-Invite		
	rubric		principal		
	-Review for		End Unit		
	Test				

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Student Calendar

Teacher: Emily Rollins

Unit: Emily Dickinson Poetry

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week One		<u> </u>	Start Project! *Meet in computer lab *Bring Book	Timeline Due!	*Bring Book! Start Bubble Maps
Week Two	*Bring Book & Bubble Maps	*Bring Book & Bubble Maps	*Bring Book & Bubble Maps	Writing Assignment	Writing Assignment Due!
Week Three	Readers Theater! *Review for test	Take Test! *Practice WT Script	Writers Theater Presentation!		
Week Four					

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Emily Rollins Unit Plan March 13, 2012

Rationale: I have created this unit to help students recognize how tone and characterization can be used in the short story, "The Devil and Tom Walker" by Washington Irving. By using context clues and characters from the story, the students will assemble a short scripted scene to perform. This unit is necessary for students because it will help them identify tone and characterization in other stories. By using details from the text, the students will be able to analyze character, plot, setting, and overall meaning of the work. In this unit, the students will work with one another to comprehend, interpret, analyze and evaluate the text to draw conclusions about the main ideas. The students will be able to use their creativity and work together in producing a script. Putting the students into the characters shoes is particularly relevant, because it will allow them to connect with the story and its characters. Students will also have to work supportively to assemble a well-organized short scene that captures their audience.

Summary: This will be an eleven day unit. In the first class the students will be prewriting and learning new vocabulary from the text. We will read the short story "The Devil and Tom Walker" in class together. After the students have read the story they will begin discussing their scripts. I will divide the students into groups of three and they will work together to prepare a short script. I have designated three class periods for the script writing. Each student will need to perform one part in the play, the narrator and two actors/actresses. In the last class period the students will present their scripted stories to the class.

Objectives:

- The students will be able to develop and apply the skills and strategies to comprehend, analyze and evaluate fiction and drama.
- At the end of this unit the students will be able to identify and explain the literary techniques tone and characterization.
- During this unit the student will apply a writing process to compose an effective script.
- The students will create a script by using writing techniques such as vivid language and imagery.

Length of Curriculum: This unit will consist of eleven 55 minuet class periods.

Literacy Strategies: Word Map, Cornell, Think aloud, Read aloud, Script writing hand out.

Resources: Short story, "The Devil and Tom Walker", paper and pen, classroom, handouts, word map, props and costumes.

Assessment:

Formative: completion of script, quality of script, active participation in play and group discussion, entertainment factor, group work ethic

Summative: creativity in script, cohesiveness of group effort, portrayal of characterization and theme in acting, "The Devil and Tom Walker" multiple choice test, vocabulary quiz

Emily Rollins Characterization

Grade Level:

9-12

Subject: Language Arts

Prepared By: Emily Rollins

Education Standards Addressed

-Listen for information

Essential Question:

How can I use characterization in my script?

Teacher Guide Student Guide By the end of class the student will Objectives Materials Needed Understanding understand the literary element characterization Student characterization with 85% Paper • accuracy. At the end of class the student will Pencil be able to use characterization in Teacher their script writing with 85% Handout 1 • accuracy. • Overhead 1 -Characterization: the Information Listen and take notes process by which the writer reveals the personality of a character. -Direct: tells the audience what the personality of the character is. -Indirect: shows things that reveal the personality of a character. -5 methods of indirect characterization Verification Handout 1: review with -Review Handout 1/ ask Other Resources -prior knowledge of class questions character in a story **Overhead Characterization** Activity As a class: -Participate in class -Go over a character from a discussion story they just read. -Fill out Characterization overhead together. Additional Notes Summary -Use indirect -Ask questions characterization chart when writing scripts -Use to define characters: the devil/ Tom's wife

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Using Tone in writing to address an Audience

Grade Level:

Subject: Language Arts

Prepared By: Emily Rollins

Essential Question

Why does tone matter in writing?

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Education Standards Addressed
Use details from text to identify and analyze
tone.
Apply pre-reading strategies to aid
comprehension: access prior knowledge
Compose text showing awareness of audience.

	Teacher Guide	Student Guide	
Objectives	By the end of class the student will understand how to use the literary concept tone in their writing with 85% accuracy. By the end of class the student will write two letters to support their understanding of tone with 85% accuracy.	Understand Tone in personal writing Write two letters to show comprehension	Materials Needed Student • Paper • Pencil Teacher • Do now • Lesson Plan
Information	Do now: In your own words describes Tone.	Do when entering class	
Verification	Then: share the best answer Clarify what tone is: how the author made the audience feel after read How can you use tone in own writing?	Do first: Read 2 tone answers from classmates Make changes to your own	 Notes of Activity: Tone depends on the audience Remember to start and finish letters: Dear Jon/ Sincerely, Jane
Activity	Two letters of Apology: First letter- apology for accidentally breaking neighbor window Second letter- Apology to sibling for something you're not sorry for	Include: First letter: sorry/ be polite/ soft spoken/ very apologetic Second letter: Be rude/ obnoxious/ not apologetic Volunteer Read- both letters	Examples
Summary	 2 apology letters but 2 different tones 	 Which letter did you mean? Why does tone matter in writing? How is the tone directed for the specific audience? 	Final Thought: Tone can change in your writing based on the difference in audience!

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Reading "The Devil and Tom Walker"

Grade Level:	9-12	Subject:	Language Arts	Prepared By:	Emily Rollins
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Essential Question: What can I learn from the short story "The Devil and Tom Walker"?

Education Standards Addressed -Read grade-level instructional text - Develop vocabulary through text, using glossary, dictionary and thesaurus

	Teacher Guide	Student Guide	
Objectives	-By the end of the lesson, the students will support their definitions on the vocabulary, by using sentences from the reading with 85% accuracy. -At the end of the class, the students will understand the meaning of the short story "The Devil and Tom Walker", by 85% accuracy.	upport their definitions on the bulary, by using sentences from eading with 85% accuracy. ne end of the class, the students inderstand the meaning of the short "The Devil and Tom Walker", by	
Introduction	 What would you do if you met the devil/ recognize him/her/ devil look like? Early Americans (1700-1800) devil was the subject of many thoughts and writings 	 Free Write Share free write Listen to background info 	 Language Arts book Handout 2
Verification	Handout 2: • Vocab word map • Cornell notes Explain both	 Take notes during reading Look for vocab words 	Other Resources
Activity	 Read short story Stop to explain vocab words Ensure students are taking notes 	 Listen and take notes Write sentence with vocab words used in story 	
Summary	 Reaction to story: Setting/ character/ mood/ tone of writing Clarify vocab Homework: Complete word map 	 Vocab word maps half complete Discuss story with class 	Additional Notes

Emily Rollins Intro to Script Writing

Grade Level:	9-12	Subject:	Language Arts	Prepared By:	Emily Rollins
Essential Question			Education Standards Addressed		
What makes a good script?				presentations and g providing criteria	group discussion, using ocess to generate a draft

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	Teacher Guide	Student Guide		
Objectives	-At the end of class, the students will distinguish between good script writing and bad script writing, by 85% accuracy. -By the end of class, the students will be able to use examples to support their ideas of a good script, with 85% accuracy.	 Understand how to create scripts creatively Use tools from this lesson to write a good script 	Materials Needed Student • Paper • Pencil Teacher • Handout 3 • Overhead 2 • Handout 4	
Introduction	Name a good TV show or script? 5 elements that make up a script: characters/plot/when/where/why 3 pillars: action/dialogue/suspense	 Descriptive words to describe a good script. Take notes on script writing 		
Examples/ non examples	EX Good Script: story/ message, unique? Beginning/middle/end resolution Non EX Bad Script: unbelievable characters/ story, message not clear	 Take notes on script writing 	Overhead: • Vocab for Scripts • Why Narrators are important	
Activity	 Overhead 2 Introduce Project Handout 3 Groups of 3/ Handout 4 Monitor groups progress 	 Meet and greet with group Assign roles for teammates Complete outline handout 4 		
Summary	 Outline of script should be done Q&A about Project Point out specific dates 	 Outline should be done Write down important dates 	Additional Notes	

Emily Rollins Presentation and Reflection

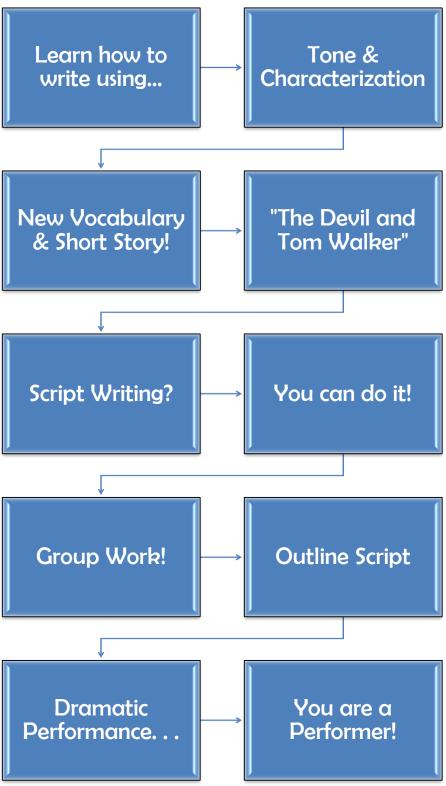
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Essentia	I Question:				ndards Addressed

What have you learned from this project?

rm complex procedures and/or tasks

	Teacher Guide	Student Guide	
Objectives	-By the end of class the student will present their written scripts with 85% accuracy.	Present and reflect	Materials Needed Student • Paper • Pencil Teacher
Information	 10 min. meeting time Move desks to set up a scene Contact principle for audience 	 Meet with group- 10 min. Prepared for presentations 	 Groups Rubric Handout 5
Verification	 Prepare audience: students and principle Remind students to be respectful and applause 	Clap for presentationsBe respectful	Other Resources
Activity	 Introduce groups Monitor students and presentations Encourage applause 	 Present! 15 min. each group Applause 	
Summary	 Congratulatory applause Hand out 5: reflection Thank principle 	ReflectionsThank principle	Additional Notes DISCUSS FINAL PRESENTATIONS AS A CLASS

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Teacher Calendar

Teacher: Emily Rollins

Unit: Using Drama for "The Devil and Tom Walker"

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wee	-Print off		Start Unit	-LP1	-HO2:
k	HO 1-5		-LP1:Intro to	continued:	Vocab (20
	-Remind		Tone	Intro to	min.)
One	students to			characterizatio	-
	bring folder			n	LP2:Readin
	-Invite			-	g and
	principle to			HO1:Defining	Cornell
	presentation			characterizatio	notes
	s			n	
				-Slide 1	
Wee	-LP2	-Vocab Quiz	Day 1:Start	Day 2:	Day 3:
k	continued:	-LP3:Intro	writing	Script writing	Finalize
Two	Finish	to script	-HO4:Outline	*Choose date	Script
Iwo	Reading	writing	script	for	writing
	-assign for	-Slide 2	-monitor groups	presentations	*Review for
	HW if not	-			test (10
	done	HO3:Script			min.)
	-Review	writing +			
	Vocab	rubric			
		(assign			
		partners)			
Wee	-Take Test	Presentatio	Presentation		
k	-Meet with	n	Day 2		
Thre	group (10	Day 1	LP4:Presentation		
_	min.)	-Set up	s and Reflections		
e	*Remind	classroom	HO5:Reflection		
	groups to	-Principle	End Unit		
	bring props	*Remind			
		groups to			
		bring props			

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Student Calendar

Teacher: Emily Rollins

Unit: Using Drama for "The Devil and Tom Walker"

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week One			Start Project! *Bring a folder for project	Take Good notes!	*Bring Book! Complet e Vocab sketches. Begin Cornell notes!
Week Two	*Bring notes and vocab sheets for review	VOCAB QUIZ! Introduce Project Meet and greet with group	Plan and Outline Scripts	*Choose date for presentations	Finish Script Today! Study for Test
Week Thre e Week	TEST! *Bring Props for presentation s	Presentation S	Presentation S		
Four					

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The Project:

Work in groups of three to create a one to two page script for the encounter between Tom Walker's wife and the devil. We never get to see what happens, so this is your chance to be creative!

The Challenge:

As your group works together to show your understanding of the characters and themes through your script, remember the limitations of script writing. Script writing is different from any other type of writing. We will only get to know your characters through the words and actions you give them! Use what you know about the characters to create dialogue that is "in character". You may modernize the dialogue, if you want to. Be sure that the characters' attitudes are portrayed as they were in the story.

The Three Pillars of Script Writing:

Your scenes should include, action, dialogue, and suspense Use clues from the story to create your own version of the encounter.

The Gast:

Each student needs to prepare to play one part: Tom Walker's Wife, The Devil, and The Narrator. You may name Tom's wife.

The Grucial Narrator:

Your narrator can give details of setting, provide necessary background, move the action forward, and even report the thoughts of a character. Your narrator can be the bridge between the scenes and events. Don't overuse your narrator.

The Audience:

In the end, you will be performing your script for an audience. I have invited the principle to see our final presentations! Be sure to go over the grading rubric attached before completion.

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Date to perform		
Group Members		
Grading Rubric		
Quality of Script: (25 points)		
Entertainment Factor: (25 points)		
Group Cohesion and Work Ethic: (25 points)		
Portrayal of Characters and Theme: (25 points)		
	Group Score:	/100

Notes:

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Vocab for "The Devil and Tom Walker"

- 1. Prevalent- widely existing; frequent
- 2. Stagnant- not flowing or moving
- 3. Precarious- uncertain; insecure; risky
- 4. Impregnable- impossible to capture or enter by force
- 5. Melancholy- gloomy
- 6. Obliterate- erase or destroy
- 7. Avarice- greed
- 8. Resolute- determined; resolved; unwavering
- 9. Parsimony- stinginess
- 10. Superfluous- more than is needed or wanted; useless

Emily Rollins Script Outline

Title: _____

Characters:

Setting:

Events:

Action:

Dialogue:

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The Devil and Tom Walker Project Reflection

Tell me what you liked best about this project

Is there anything that you would change?

If you could create a project over this story, what would you do?

Did you enjoy working in groups?

Other comments or concerns. . .