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HAIG GIRLS' SCHOOL

TIME OUT (<u>The Inspired Museum Explorers: Our Unique Travels</u>) - THINK! CONTEMPORARY 2012 Integrated Lesson Plan - Visit 1

SAMPLE LESSON

Lesson Plan

| Theme | Identity |
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| Level | Primary 4 |
| Topics/Text | Working together The early settlers and their contributions (SS) Language expressing feelings/Idioms (EL) Art appreciation skills |
| Objectives | By the end of the lesson, students should be able to: Understand the role early immigrants played in building Singapore and the issues they faced Use vocabulary to describe positive and negative feelings Know idioms Role-play different characters Create their own collage in response to what they have understood. |
| | Art Discussion and Art Criticism(Use of Feldman Model) Students to discuss artworks using basic art vocabulary ie; elements of art and principles of design. |
| Strategies | By the end of the lesson, students should have been engaged in: Cooperative learning KWL Dramatisation/Role-play Creating art work in response to their learning |

| Resources | KWL Worksheet Comprehension Worksheet Museum Activity sheet Feldman's approach to Art Resource Sheet Contemporary Art Work by SAM. |
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| SEL/CCE/NE | Thinking Skills Judge and decide from reasons or evidence Evaluate information Identifying relationships, Spatial visualisation |
| | Affective Education SEL Competencies – Responsible Decision Making School Values – Cooperation |
| | Habits of Mind Thinking and communicating with clarity and precision 21st century competencies |
| | 21st century competencies |

| Step/Time | Teacher Activities | Pupil Activities | Purpose | Resources needed |
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| 1. | Pre-museum lessons (Art) | Art | Build skills in art criticism – observing, | |
| | Teacher will show examples of contemporary art | In groups, students discuss | feeling, thinking, expressing thoughts using | Feldman's |
| (1 hr | (explain the meaning of contemporary) and use | an art work (may/may not be | art language | approach to art |
| each) | the Feldman's approach to art criticism to let | contemporary art work) | | criticism resource |
| | students discuss and critique some | based on the Feldman's | | sheet |
| | | approach to art criticism. | | Comprehension |
| | | Each group shares their | | worksheets |
| | | discussion with the class. | | Social Studies |
| | Pre-museum lessons (English) | | The comprehension passage serves to | (Interacting With |
| | | | activate students' schema of migrants | Our World) 4A |
| | , , , | Read text and answer | around them and the difficulties that the | textbook |
| | | questions | migrants face in the new environment. | Butcher papers |
| | ' | | Students will be able to build their repertoire | |
| | passage. | girl's feeling | of vocabulary/adjectives describing feelings. | |

| | Teacher to use the (What I <u>Know</u> , What I <u>Want</u> to Know, What I <u>Learned</u>) KWL chart to get students familiarised with the topic on 'The Early Settlers and Their Contributions' in the Social | and their contributions (SS | They will also be able to empathise with the girl. Have prior knowledge of reasons for migration/problems faced by early settlers and their contributions. Able to relate similar reasons/problems/contribution by migrants/migrant workers of today. The use of the KWL charts activates students' background knowledge, allowing them to think of questions pertaining to topic and developing a purpose for reading. Students will in turn become more thoughtful and engaged readers. | |
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| | Museum Lesson | | | |
| 2 (25 min) | Grass Is Always Greener on the Inside Teacher to bring students to the art work Grass Is Always Greener on the Inside and ask the class "Does this phrase sound familiar to you?" Suggested response(s): "It sounds like 'The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence'." "Can you make a guess about its meaning?" Suggested response(s): "It means that things always seem better elsewhere." | | Pupils will comprehend the meaning of idioms in the context of the migrants in Singapore | Grass Is Always Greener on the Inside artwork |
| | Teacher to get students to recall what is the special name given to this kind of phrase and what idioms are. (Relate to the Pre-museum lesson on comprehension.) Suggested response(s): "The phrase is called an idiom and they are words that do not mean what they actually mean." | | | |

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| | Teacher will ask for some examples of idioms. <u>Suggested response(s):</u> "Put your heads together, beat around the bush, pull up your socks etc." | | | |
| | Teacher to guide students to relate their KWL chart on 'The Early Settlers and their contributions' to the use of this idiom. Teacher can ask the class "Who do you think might say this and why?" | | | |
| | | why migrants leave their | To allow students to draw references to their earlier discussion on why migrants come to Singapore. Able to categorise the reasons for migration into 'push' and 'pull' factors | Activity Sheet 1 |
| | War/Natural disasters/Poverty etc. Pull factors Earn more money/Better job prospects/Security/Education etc. | | | |
| (25 min) | Coalition Teacher to guide students' discussion on the artwork, Coalition and get them to critique the artwork using Feldman's approach to Art criticsm. | | The Feldman's approach to art criticism allows students to examine the art work in detail so as to make sense of it. | • Coalition artwork |
| | What is the name of the artist who created the artwork? What kind of an artwork is it? What is the title of the artwork? What does 'coalition mean?' (Coalition: different groups of people working together/cooperating to achieve a | | | |

common goal)

Analyse

What is the emphasis/focus in this artwork?

Interpret

- What do you think the two characters are doing?
- How do you think the two characters feel about each other? (Teacher to elicit vocabulary describing feelings from pupils.)
- What tells you that (*Provide evidence to support answers*)?
- Why do you think the two characters feel that way? (Differences in language/culture/habit, competition)
 Teacher to lead the discussion and help pupils see that there is some kind of distrust/misunderstanding between the two characters just like how migrants and the local feel about each other.
- Why did the artist name the art work
 'Coalition'? What did he want to tell you?
 Teacher to lead pupils to see the
 need/importance of social cohesion and
 to appreciate and respect each other's
 differences

Evaluate

Do you like this artwork? Why or why not?

(20 min) **(**

Grass Cutters

Teacher leads an art discussion on the art work, **Grass Cutters,** using Feldman's approach to Art criticism.

Students will complete the worksheet (parts a-d):

- identify the feelings portrayed by the two characters
- b. provide evidence to support their answers in (a)
- c. give reasons why the characters harbour such feelings
- d. describe their feelings about the art work

Appreciate the cultural diversity of different groups living in Singapore Respect the different communities in Singapore Aware of the importance of working together and living together

The Feldman's approach to art criticism allows students to examine the art work in detail so as to make sense of it

 Grass Cutters artwork

Describe

- What is the title of this photograph?
- Who are these people in the photograph?
- Where do you think they are from?
- Have you seen them before?
- What do they do?

Analyse

What is the focus in this artwork?

Interpret

• What do you think the photographer was trying to show/portray?

Evaluate

- Is this image of the people different from how you usually see them?
- What does this image look like to you?

Teacher to explain that artist, Jing Quek is trying to celebrate this particular group of people (migrant workers) by giving them celebrity status (explain celebrity status) in this art work (title of the artwork is **Singapore Idols Grasscutters**).

Teacher to lead a discussion on why the artist feels that the grasscutters are Singapore idols? Use the discussion to lead the pupils to think about their contributions to the country. Relate their contributions to those of our early settlers

"Are there similar Singapore idols we can think of?" Lead students to brainstorm for:

- other migrant workers whose presence is often neglected
- their contributions

Teacher to lead the discussion to effect an attitudinal change

 "Looking at all the contributions of the migrant workers, do you think that they Pupils to fill in the contributions of the grass cutters

Pupils to fill in:

- other types of migrant workers
- their contributions

Aware of the contributions of the early settlers and the migrant workers of today.

| | are actually important to our country?" • "So when you see these migrants now, how do you feel about them?" Elicit vocabulary describing positive feelings | | | |
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| (20 min) | Hello Stranger Teacher to look at the Hello Stranger artwork and lead the pupils to see that the stranger can be any new comer to our country, including new migrants and migrant workers. • "What do you understand from the words 'Hello Stranger' /Who is the stranger? • "How would you say the words, 'Hello Stranger'?" (Teacher to get students to say to each other using different intonations to show different meanings/feelings.) | Pupils to greet each other using different intonations | Inculcate empathy and consideration for others | Hello Stranger artwork |
| | Teacher to encourage empathy for migrant people and get pupils to consider the ways in which they can help migrants to integrate and feel a sense of new community belonging • How many of you have been in an unfamiliar or strange place before? Can you remember how you felt as a stranger yourself? • How would you like to be treated as a stranger? • Which way of saying the words would you prefer if you were the stranger? • Are we the sort of people who welcome strangers to our land or are we the sort who are suspicious of them? • What else would you say to new comers/strangers besides 'Hello'? • "What can we do to make the | Pupils to work in groups to take on the role of either the stranger or Singaporean and act out things to say to new comers, then fill in the words in the speech bubbles - things to do to make the new comers feel welcomed | | |

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| | strangers/new comers feel welcome/ | |
| | good about living in Singapore? | |
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| 3. | Closure | |
| (20 min) | Teacher to summarize the lesson by highlighting | |
| ` ′ | Feldman's approach to art criticism – | |
| | describing, analysing, interpreting | |
| | The reasons for migration and | |
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| | contributions of migrant workers | |
| | Our language/way of life/food/ethnic | |
| | costume/festivals contribute to our sense | |
| | of identity /belonging as Singaporeans - | |
| | who we are. | |
| | There are different cultural/ethnic | |
| | communities (cultural diversity) in | |
| | Singapore and hence the need to respect | |
| | the differences and live/work together in | |
| | harmony | |
| | The need to welcome new | |
| | comers/migrants and to help them | |
| | integrate and build a new sense of | |
| | _ | |
| | belonging | |
| 4. | Extension activity (In class): | |
| (1 hr | | |
| | English (Dramatisation) | |
| odon) | Teachers can get students to role play how early | |
| | migrants communicate with each other using | |
| | their own Mother Tongue languages (Eg. A | |
| | Chinese student speaking to an Indian student in | |
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| | Mandarin and vice versa) to get students to | |
| | experience the difficulties in communication and | |
| | the problems that may arise from the | |
| | miscommunication. | |
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| | Art | |
| | Teachers to get pupils to think of other migrant | |
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| gapore idols and represent them ing collage.(relate to the rtwork) | | |
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| s ead up Social Studies textbook pg emplete activity book pg 26-27. | | |

Remarks:

- The next lesson should be held in class.
- For SS, teacher should go through the facts/syllabus about migrants how they were initially wary of each other but came together to share and exchange, etc.