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**STATE: ARIZONA** 

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

GRADE LEVELS: 3, 4, 5, and 6

LESSON TITLE: EXPLORING STUDENT INTERESTS THROUGH NON-FICTION

**BOOKS** 

**Common Core/State Curriculum Standards:** 

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.3.2, [RI.4.2, RI.5.2] - Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea. [and explain how they are supported by key details; summarize the text.]

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.3.5, [RI.4.5], \*RI.5.5 - Use text features and search tools (e.g., key words, sidebars, hyperlinks) to locate information relevant to a given topic efficiently. [Determine the meaning of general academic and domain specific words or phrases in a text relevant to a grade 4 topic or subject area.] \*Compare and contrast the overall structure (e.g., chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in two or more texts.

<u>CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.3.6</u>, [RI.4.6], \*RI.5.6 - Distinguish their own point of view from that of the author of a text. [Compare and contrast a firsthand and secondhand account of the same event or topic; describe the differences in focus and the information provided.] \*Analyze multiple accounts of the same event or topic, noting important similarities and differences in the point of view they represent.

**CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.6.7** Integrate information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words to develop a coherent understanding of a topic or issue.

**CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RST.6-8.3** Follow precisely a multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks.

**CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RST.6-8.9** Compare and contrast the information gained from experiments, simulations, video, or multimedia sources with that gained from reading a text on the same topic.

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#### **ISTE NETS Student Technology Standards:**

- **1.** Creativity and Innovation Students demonstrate creative thinking, construct knowledge, and develop innovative products and processes using technology.
  - b. Create original works as a means of personal or group expression
- **2.** Communication and Collaboration Students use digital media and environments to communicate and work collaboratively, including at a distance, to support individual learning and contribute to the learning of others.
  - a. Interact, collaborate, and publish with peers, experts, or others employing a variety of digital environments and media
  - b. Communicate information and ideas effectively to multiple audiences using a variety of media and formats
- **4. Critical Thinking, Problem Solving, and Decision Making** Students use critical thinking skills to plan and conduct research, manage projects, solve problems, and make informed decisions using appropriate digital tools and resources.
- **6. Technology Operations and Concepts -** Students demonstrate a sound understanding of technology concepts, systems, and operations.

### Learning Objectives:

Students gather facts
Students compare and contrast their findings
Students will be able to share research gathered

**Students Learning Targets:** (What will students know and be able to do as a result of this lesson?)

Students will learn authentic facts through the reading of non-fiction books of their own choosing. They will be able to share these facts with peers and a worldwide audience using a variety of technology tools as instructed by the classroom teacher.

*Instructional Strategies*: (Project-based learning, direct instruction, inquiry-based instruction, cooperative learning, etc.)

This could be adjusted according to materials created, however, in our classroom; students pulled their culminating facts from their own previously created projects created throughout the school year.

#### How Students Will Use Shutterfly Photo Story:

Students will interpret the research and practice done in a chosen core subject and present that information through Shutterfly Photos Story.



### Required Materials/Lesson Length:

Initially, students use a variety of non-fiction resources from our school library. Also, photos, drawings, student created fact books, interviews, photos, drawings; reference books, and https://www.wikipedia.org/

**Resources**: (Photos, drawings, student created stories; reference books, articles, website URLs, etc. for citation)

All materials will be student created. Which can range from drawings to photos and animations or videos plus the researched done within the chosen core subject which may include URLs, textbook or other reference materials as core teachers see fit.

Includes student journals and their research materials from the core-subject classroom.

**Procedures**/Activities: (What will the teacher and students do?) (Prior Knowledge. Opening Activity, Step-by-Step Learning Activities, Closure, Post-Instruction Reflection)

Teacher and students examined Common Core, ELA Standards that directly describes non-fiction reading and "translate" the text in a way that is easier for students to understand.

**Opening Activity**: Use some recent volumes of "Guinness Book of World Records; Amazing Animal Facts or whatever seems appropriate to spark student interest. Explain that they will embark on a year-long journey into non-fiction & have the opportunity to share what they've learned with classmates in a variety of ways.

**Activities** - Students will visit the school library once a week & choose a non-fiction book (on teacher approval) to build information and reading skills.

Teacher will provide various for gathering facts & sharing this information out to peers. Tools include brainstorming activities, use of notebooks, brainstorming tools such as Bubl.us.com & Inspiration.

Final projects were created such as Folded paper fact books; Posters; Shutterfly Photo Story; Prezi; Mock Interviews with Audacity; PowerPoint presentations. All projects were shared and saved to student folders.

**Closure** – Closure was provided at presentations in the form of teacher/student feedback

Culminating project was a challenge to students to review & consider the total of non-fiction projects and use the Shutterfly Photo Story on an iPad to create & publish facts they deemed most interesting or important. Students will use a rubric to identify when their project is complete and ready to publish.

**Final Reflection** - each student will complete a final reflection sheet when our published Shutterfly books arrive. If time allows, we will have a small celebration for the student authors.



**Differentiation:** (Lesson suggestions for enrichment or re-teaching. Scaffolding needed as a result of misunderstandings noted during formative assessment.)

Enrichment can include the use of public library to allow students more choice in non-fiction. Scaffolding might be incorporated by providing a posted Launch Page with tutorials for the variety of software tools involved, or instruction in the use of "HELP Menu's; also increased identification of "student experts in various tools to promote collaboration and peer support.

### Special Education/ESL Accommodations & Modifications:

Student "buddies" to provide real-time extra support as needed.

**Extensions:** (Additional activities, follow-up lesson ideas, how the Photo Story book will be shared)

Students might be able to share their books with new students in the fall to promote writing, publishing. Online books will be linked to classroom website.

**Assessment:** (How will you determine if students have met the lesson objectives? How will your students know if they have successfully met the lesson objectives? Incorporate formative as well as summative assessments – rubrics, etc.)

Using the two rubrics, Informational Text and Shutterfly Photo Story Rubrics below, the published book will provide proof that students have met the lesson objectives. Students will be seen as "published authors".



Gathering Facts from Nonfiction books

	Gathering Facts from Nonfiction books								
CATEGORY	4	3	2	1					
Identifies	Student accurately	Student accurately	Student accurately	Student has difficulty					
Facts	incorporates at least 4	incorporates at least 3	incorporates at	incorporating true					
	facts from at least four	facts from at least	least 2 facts from at	facts from previous					
	of the six non-fiction	four of the six non-	least four of the six	projects.					
	textbooks read.	fiction textbooks	non-fiction						
		read.	textbooks read.						
Relates	Student accurately	Student accurately	Student accurately	Student has difficulty					
Graphics to	relates graphic/diagram	explains how each	explains how some	relating graphics and					
Text	to the text, and can	graphic/diagram is	of the diagrams are	diagrams to the text.					
	articulate accurately	related to the text.	related to the text.						
	why it compliments								
	text.								
Project Goal	C.C.S.S. ELA	C.C.S.S. ELA	C.C.S.S. ELA	C.C.S.S. ELA					
	Literacy Goal is written	Literacy Goal is	Literacy Goal is	Literacy Goal is not					
	in kid-friendly language	written in kind-	written in kid-	present in final					
	and complete.	friendly language and	friendly language	project.					
		is fairly complete.	but incomplete.						
Storyboard of	Student has pre-planned	Student has pre-	Student has pre-	Student has no					
Ideas	all pages and collected	planned majority of	planned very few	evidence of pre-					
	photos before	pages and collected	pages and collected	planning pages or					
	beginning to work in	photos before	photos are	photos before					
	app.	beginning to work in	incomplete before	beginning to work in					
		app.	beginning to work	app.					
			in app.						
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Follows	Final book follows this	Final book mostly	Final book loosely	Final book does not					
Project	criteria 20 page	follows this criteria	follows this criteria	follow this criteria: 20					
Directions	maximum; cardboard	with a minor error:	with multiple	page maximum;					
	cover; saved with first	20 page maximum;	errors: 20 page	cardboard cover;					
	name or pseudonym.	cardboard cover;	maximum;	saved with first name					
		saved with first name	cardboard cover;	or pseudonym.					
		or pseudonym.	saved with first						
			name or						
			pseudonym.						



Rubric for Shutterfly Photo Story

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Criteria	1	2	3	4	Your Score
Page Design	Many pages are either cluttered or empty. There is no text/image balance. No attention paid to variation in design.	Some pages are either cluttered or empty. Inconsistent attention paid to sizing of graphics, placement of graphics and	Most pages contain well placed objects, with thoughtful text/image balance. Inconsistent text wrapping.	Objects on all pages are well placed and sized. Pages are not cluttered or empty. Imaginative and logical text wrapping.	
Mechanics	Text contains many spelling/grammar errors. Sentences seem disconnected, and there is carelessness throughout.	Text contains some spelling/grammar errors. Little logical structure or flow to sentences. Evidence of carelessness in writing.	Grammar and spelling are nearly flawless. Logical sequence apparent. Some wording is careless. Inconsistency in style.	Grammar and spelling are flawless and the flow provides a logical pathway of ideas. Consistent and engaging style throughout.	
Graphics	Images do not connect to text and/or are not relevant.	Images are not always relevant. Text citations are not always present and do not connect to images.	Images are mostly relevant. Text citations are usually present and identify the images.	Images are relevant, and complement the text. Each image is cited in the text and identified. The number of images is appropriate.	
Planning	Storyboard is incomplete. Little or no details about graphics, content, formatting, or effects are provided.	Storyboard lacks some important details about graphics, content, formatting, and effects.	Storyboard is mostly complete. Includes many important details about graphics, content, formatting, and effects.	Storyboard is complete. All necessary information about graphics, content, formatting, and effects is included.	
Content	Information is cursory or incorrect. Little understanding of content is evident from presentation.	Some solid information presented; however, some information is incorrect or cursory.	Information is clear and correct throughout most of presentation.	Information is well presented, clear, and correct throughout.	



Effects	Effects are limited or not present.	One or more than one type of effect is used; however, some or all effects detract from presentation.	More than one type of effect is used. Effects enhance presentation.	Effects are varied, yet cohesive, and they significantly enrich the presentation.	
Image Size	Photo or art image too large for the allotted space.	Some images fit well in the allotted space.	Most of the images fit well in the allotted space.	Image layout works well on the page.	