



Broward County Public Schools Videoconference

Writing Traits: Organization and Ideas
Lesson: Sight and Sounds of Baseball
Instructor: Evelyn Nelson
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Grade Level: Grade Four
Sunshine State Standards: LA.B.1, LA.B.2, SS.B.1, and VA.C.1
Benchmarks: LA.B.1.2.1, LA.B.2.2, SS.B.1.2, and VA.C.1.2.2
Infusion Points: Language Arts, Social Studies, and Visual Art
Objective(s):

1. Students will prepare for writing by focusing on a central idea and listing supporting details.
2. Students will organize the key ideas in an informational text using a graphic organizer.
3. Students will be able to list the key features of a specific geographic location.
4. Students will understand the visual arts in relation to history and culture.

GUEST WRITERS: Students will read their paragraphs from last week's lesson.

LITERATURE EMPHASIS:

Book Title: Casey at the Bat

Author: Ernest Lawrence Thayer

Publisher: *San Francisco Examiner* (June 3, 1888)

Story Summary: In this poem, Casey strikes out, leaving the fans and his team mates disappointed that he has failed to produce the winning runs.

ACTIVITIES:

- The videoconference instructor will read Casey at the Bat.
 - Students will then be asked to discuss the storyline of the poem.
- Instructor will share a collage depicting the sights and sounds of a baseball game
- Next, the instructor will introduce the "Sensory Chart"
 - Students will help fill in the "Sensory Chart" using *the playing field* as Idea #1 and *the stands* as Idea #2.
- Students will then fill in a "Sensory Chart" using a place of their own choosing. EX: the beach, an amusement park, a shopping mall, etc.

WRITING ASSIGNMENT:

- Students will write an essay developed from their "Sensory Chart."
- Students will complete a collage depicting their "Sensory Chart."

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- "Sensory Chart" and pencil for each student

LESSON EXTENSION:

Related Website: Casey at the Bat
<http://ops.tamu.edu/x075bb/poems/casey.html>

Over-the-Line from Net Links

A lesson plan built around the revised version of Casey's Revenge
<http://www.suhsd.k12.ca.us/mvm/netlinks/1thayer7/1casey7.html>