

Lesson Plans

LESSON 8 :

Showtime! Sharing Your Movie

National Language Arts Standard 11: *Students participate as knowledgeable, reflective, creative, and critical members of a variety of literacy communities.*

Objective

Students will:

- ◆ Discuss, compare, contrast and express feelings about classmates' movies, as well as their own, using appropriate language and sensitivity.
- ◆ Experience themselves as part of a community of digital storytellers.
- ◆ Watch movies by students with diverse cultural and economic backgrounds and thereby gaining an opportunity to observe and compare cultural/linguistic similarities and differences.
- ◆ Experience empowerment, increased self-esteem, and validation around their personal and cultural identity.

Preparation

- ❖ Prepare class for viewing of student movies ("Setting Up Your Computer/Classroom," Teacher Resources).

Directions

This is the time to be positive and encouraging, as the class views each others' stories. Using the same principles outlined in the Story Circle Guidelines, lead the class in sharing and reflecting on the stories viewed.

■ Show and reflect on student movies.

1. Copy student movies to the desktop of the computer that will show or, if possible, project the movies ("Setting Up Your Computer/Classroom," Teacher Resources).
2. After each movie, have the class applaud and discuss how the movie made them feel, think, etc. Discuss the unique cultural qualities of each story, encouraging tolerance and compassion for diverse socio-cultural elements.
3. Have students copy the final Media Player files of their movies onto a CD.

■ Lesson closure suggestions:

1. Once the students have completed their digital stories, you can organize a friends and family night where all the movies are shown.
2. Encourage students to submit their movies to local film festivals and competitions for short movies ("Digital Storytelling Overview," Activity 1).
3. Encourage students to continue creating movies at home.
4. Incorporate the digital storytelling process into other subject areas such as science fair projects and history reports ("Digital Storytelling Overview," Activity 1).