ED 101 Educational Technology Lab – Spring 13 Boston University – School of Education

LESSON PLAN

Grade(s)	5 th grade social studies: Boston Massacre
Content	grade sector states a general relations
Area(s)	
Topic of	
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Lesson	
Objective	Students will be able to correctly identify 7 facts and opinions when given a list of 10 statements. Students will be able to defend the two sides of the Boston Massacre during a debate, providing 2 opinions and 2 facts per side.
Technology standard	Massachusetts Technology Literacy Standards, Grades 3-5, Technology Standard and Expectations
	Standard 1: Demonstrate proficiency in the use of computers and applications, as well as an understanding of the concepts underlying hardware, software, and connectivity.
	Internet, Networking, and Online Communication
	G3-5: 1.17 Identify and use terms related to the Internet (e.g., Web browser, URL, keyword, World Wide Web, search engine, links).
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Lesson Introduction	I will introduce the lesson by posing a question that will spark debate. It will be on a topic that is fun and that they can relate to (such as which is better
(5 minutes)	Halloween or Independence day, cats or dogs, summer or winter?). I will ask the students to defend their positions. I will divide the Smart Board into 2 columns and will write down their arguments. Next, I will introduce the difference between an opinion and a fact by defining the two terms and explaining indicators of each type of statement. As a class, we will then go back through our lists of arguments and determine which are facts and which are opinions. The students will have to justify their labels as opinion or fact. I will explain how differences in opinions can cause conflict and the formation of different points of view by manipulating facts. I will connect the Boston Massacre to this, explaining the controversy of the event Paul Revere's famous engraving of the event can be presented to spark interest in the controversy.
Guided	As a class we will read the children's play <i>Massacre in Boston</i> by Louis C.
Activity	Adelman. My teacher provided me with this source. It gives some
	background on the causes and allows the students to act out the scene of the
(10 - 15)	massacre. I will expand on the background information, such as what the
minutes)	Seven Year's War was and about other taxes and acts passed by Parliment. Each student will get a part in the play. We will read it together.
Independent Student Activity (10-15 minutes)	At this point, my students will work independently on my website. While introducing it and demonstrating how to get to it on the Smart Board, I will introduce and explain terms such as Web browser, URL, World Wide Web, and link. My website will reinforce what we learned using the play. I will be walking around to answer questions and to get a sense of their understanding. I will revisit anything that seems to be unclear. For students who finish early, they can click a link to Captain Preston's personal account of the events.
Wrap-Up of	I will divide the class into 2 groups: the colonists and the soldiers. They will
Lesson (Closure)	then defend their respective sides. I will ask the students to first use facts and then use opinions. All students will write down 2 facts and 2 opinions on their own and then will share with their group. As a group, they will choose
(5 minutes)	2 facts and 2 opinions to present.
How will students be assessed to make sure	Objective: Students will be able to correctly identify 7 facts and opinions when given a list of 10 statements and will be able to defend the two sides of the Boston Massacre during a debate, providing 2 opinions and 2 facts per side.
they are able	
to perform the	To assess that my students can determine the difference between facts and opinions and can argue the two sides of the Boston Massacre, they will

objective?	debate in my wrap-up. If each side can provide 2 opinions and 2 facts to support their argument then I think I have been successful. Additionally, my quiz will give a list of 10 statements about the massacre that must be identified as facts or opinions. Students should achieve a score of at least 7 out of 10.
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