

Researching and Documenting Ancestral Knowledge

CRT ELA Unit Planning Template

Class Vision:

Students will learn how to read, write, and analyze the world around them in order to enact changes that they see needed.

Essential Questions:

1. What does it mean to not just be a descendant of great people but to be an ascendant?

Assessment Format:

- 2+ informative paper about an aspect of their ancestral identity, focusing on using those knowledges to improve their communities.
- Visual product for presentation
- Actual presentation

Skills:

1. Interviewing and Outreach
2. Research Writing
3. Photography
4. Presentation

Enduring Understandings:

1. Our elders hold a host of information that can be accessed simply by asking questions and listening. “Expert” means many things.
2. Each of us possesses the ability to learn more about anything. Learning about the world gives us the chance to change it. Ignorance is bliss, but knowledge is power.
3. Culture is constantly happening and changing. Photography allows you capture a moment of culture and save it for others.
4. Sharing what you’ve learned and done is the only way to make it matter. Sharing creates networks for understandings and pushes us all forward.

Match and Track Standards: What [Common Core](#) standards do your Enduring Understandings cover? Check out the Anti-Bias Framework standards [here](#). Copy and paste below.

Common Core Standards	Anti-Bias Standards
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.9-10.2	ID.9-12.2
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.9-10.6	ID.9-12.4
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.9-10.4	AC.9-12.20
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.9-10.5	

Create Assessment: Using your Enduring Understandings and Essential Questions, create your assessment.

Research an aspect of your ancestor's knowledge and write a 2+ page paper that outlines the reason the

knowledge is still relevant today, the details of the knowledge, and the how the knowledge can be applied to a problem today.

Present your artifact and a summary of your research in a visually appealing way during our ancestral knowledges fair.

Calendar Your Lessons

1. Adoyami Dolls
2. Ask family and community members; research out to community organizations
3. Basic online research
4. SWOT analysis
5. Research question
6. Advanced online research
7. Annotated bibliography
8. Outline
9. Pictures; objects
10. Presentation