

Quarter 2 Unit 2 – Symbolism, Second Lesson – Bat and Mooses

Symbolism - "The Bat" and "Mooses"
Teaching Points: We will learn to identify symbols in a poem and will write and interpretive essay in response to the symbols in the poem.
Materials: <i>Language of Literature</i> "The Bat" and "Mooses" pp 391-394
Connection: <i>Connecting to Your Life: Has anyone ever told you that you are as wise as an old owl? Stubborn as a mule? Fast as a rabbit? A person, place, object or action that stands for something beyond itself is a symbol. The bald eagle, for example, is a symbol for the United States. Some symbols, such as a dove, which represent peace are traditional symbols and are more universal.</i> <i>Bats and moose are very different in their size, shape and purpose. The bat is small, agile and capable of flight, while the moose are large and formidable creatures.</i>
Modeling (I do): <i>In preparation to read the poem, we will create a list of things that we want to pay attention to as we are reading this poem. Since we are going to focus on the symbolism of the poem, I would hypothesize that based on the title, the moose and the bat are going to be symbols for something.</i>
Guided Practice (We do): Read the poems to the class and have them listen and then write down ideas as to what the moose and bat represent
Independent Practice (You do): Choose one of the poems and discuss your response to it. Organize your response around the idea or image or symbol from the poem. Your essay should show that you should understand the poem and the authors' of, and include examples from the selection. After the analysis of the poem, discuss what you did and did not like about the poem. Comparing Texts – how do the poets differ in their attitude toward the animal each describes in his poem? Do you think the bat and the moose are presented accurately? Give examples to support your answers
Sharing/Closure: Find a partner and share your answer with your partner
Assessment – check for understanding - Summary of poems - "The Bat" – compares the nocturnal flyer to the mouse by day and a loopy flyer at night. People fear it because of its human like face. "Mooses " – humorously describes what happens when the seemingly foolish bumbling moose, who spends all of his time bemoaning his looks and his life, runs into another moose and they both just stand there, mistaking each other for a mirror, and like two dopes, just stand there
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