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AppleSeed/AppleSauce Curriculum Ideas

"These literary magazines continue to amaze me! I enjoy reading student pieces, admiring the artwork and photographs as well as the musical notes and lyrics. The student poems and stories are wonderful examples to share with students. They inspire the students to practice the traits of good writing and submit their own writing for publication. The competition is challenging, but worth the effort every semester! I like to use the magazines as a rich source for writing ideas in the classroom."

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1. Poetry Elements Scavenger Hunt

- Gather magazines (archives and most recent copy)
- Class can do this together with teacher as coach, small groups (jigsaw activity-each group assigned specific elements and share with class later), or individual students browsing through magazines
- Using a graphic organizer or table, have the students search through AppleSauce/AppleSeed magazines to find examples of elements of poetry. Some elements may include: rhyme, free verse, figurative language (simile, alliteration, personification, metaphor, hyperbole, onomatopoeia, irony...) and any other elements appropriate for the grade level.

- Share findings; teacher can extend lesson and have students write their own poems to submit!

2. Copycat Lessons

- Teachers can get ideas for poetry/story lessons—copycat poems/stories--fun and complimentary to the young authors! Give credit to those authors! Some examples are:
 - My Dream Vacation/Wakim/AppleSeed-Winter '08
 - If Someone Gave Me a Million Dollars/ Spencer/ AppleSeed-Winter '08
 - **Poems about Seasons:**
 - Spring/Libby/AppleSeed- Spring '05
 - Winter Prison/Adamsky/AppleSeed- Spring '05
 - Summer/Politano/AppleSeed- Spring '05
 - Snow/Haiku/Rivera/ AppleSeed- Spring '09
 - **Color poems:**
 - Dear Mr. Pink/Clarke/AppleSeed- Spring '05
 - Green/Wang/AppleSeed- Spring '05
 - **Shape/Concrete Poems**
 - The Silent Hunter/Toebe/AppleSeed-Spring '05
 - Ode to a Frog/Duvan/AppleSeed-Winter '08
 - Ants/Klier/AppleSauce-Spring '06
 - Yearly Tears/Nieves/AppleSauce-Winter '08
 - P. 19/Santana/AppleSauce-Winter '08

3. Modes of Writing

- Narrative, Descriptive, Expository, and Persuasive are some of the forms of writing you can find in the magazines. Use these samples to discuss, critique, and/or use as student samples. Practice scoring with a rubric used for writing.

4. Artwork/Photography

- Skim and scan the beautiful artwork and photographs in past volumes. Students can select one that sparks an idea and

brainstorm a story or poem. A graphic organizer can be used to help the students organize their thoughts. Stick to one idea; organize sentences with a bold beginning, mighty middle and excellent ending. Word choice is important as well as the other traits of good writing: voice, sentence fluency, conventions (spelling, grammar, punctuation), and finally, the presentation (verbally and visually attractive). The teacher can photocopy the photo or artwork and display the story or poem written as a companion (give credit to the artist/photographer!).

5. Poems/Reflections on grief/loss

- There are many inspirational pieces in the magazines. Students often write about loss or illness and they can inspire students to write their feelings about someone special to them, or read and share with class at appropriate times during the year. Some examples:
 - The Girl Who Didn't Have a Mother/DeLeon-Paolino/ AppleSeed-Winter '09
 - For You/McLoughlin/AppleSauce-Spring '06
 - Grandfatherless Girl/Burkhard/AppleSauce-Winter '08
 - Perfect Angel/Rowe/AppleSauce-Winter '08
 - I Wish I Could Have Said Goodbye/St. Pierre/AppleSauce- Spring '09

6. Popular Culture

- Read about popular culture: Popular/Krichman/AppleSauce- Spring '06

7. Humor

- Find humor in stories and poems. Ask students to write about something funny that happened to them or someone else.

We welcome your ideas! Thank you for sharing!