SECRET PATH Lesson Planning Template

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If You Really Knew Me

Learning Outcomes & Enduring Understandings

- Identity sense of self: loss of identity, culture, language
- Their connectedness in Canada (we are all Treaty people): Indigenous History (residential schools)
- · Reconciliation shared stories

Thinking Concepts & Skills

- Writing
- Critical thinking
- Empathy
- · Problem-solving
- · Community building
- · Visual presentation
- Sequencing stories
- Story elements

Student Tasks to Demonstrate Learning (Assessment of Learning)

- · Making of masks
- If You Really Knew Me writing activity
- · Assessment of narrative writing
- Assessment of creative writing (visual)
- · Assessment of creative arts

ACTIVATE

1. Select at least 5 images from the book and place inside a paper bag with two holes cut out to make a mask. You may need to make 2 sets of the masks to ensure that students do not have to wait to view the images.

- 2. Students go around and look through each mask and write down what they NOTICE, THINK, WONDER on their own graphic organizer (See blackline master).
 - In front of each view there will be a graffiti wall to share their thoughts/ideas.
- 3. Students do a quick write about what they observed.

ACQUIRE

- 1. Share the story of Chanie.
- 2. Select images from the Secret Path to share the story or share/read the Maclean's article about Chanie, focusing on the tone of the article.
- 3. Use the Treaty Relations timeline.
- 4. Contact TRCM to have a speaker come in and talk about treaty relations.
- 5. In-depth study in Indigenous Education i.e. Treaty Education.

APPLY

- 1. Brainstorm with students about the different aspects of identity.
- 2. Have students do a narrative writing piece about who they are or all aspects of their identity.
- 3. Have students get a paper bag and draw two designs one half of the mask depicts how they feel others perceive them and the other half has a design of how they want to be perceived. Make sure the masks have the eyes cut out.
- 4. Based on their writing, have students fill in the sentence starter "If you really knew me, you'd know..."
- 5. Glue this sentence frame inside the mask so when you look through it you understand who they are.





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