

Reading Writing Center Lesson Plans

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	Introduction to Podcasting	Introducing Independent Reading	Podcasting	Introduction to Movie Maker	Brainstorming for Writing
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Objective	Students will understand what a podcast is and see how podcasts vary by audience/purpose.	Students will understand how to preview a book in order to choose a book for independent reading.	Students will be able to use the Audacity program to create audio podcasts	Students will learn how to create a short film using Movie Maker program in order to use it to create a fictional news broadcast.	Students will learn how to underline/highlight details in a poem that illustrate a theme in order to use them in an essay analyzing theme in a poem
Warm Up	Trun & talk: what do you think podcast means? Word study: podcast (broadcast)	Complete about me surveys so that teacher can make book recommendations	What is a podcast? Listen to examples from iTunes and Spillane's blog	Watch "Whale Video" as example newscast	Read/re-read the poems aloud
Explain/Model	Explain where podcasts live on the Internet	How to preview a book Model a book pass	Show students how to use Audacity by recording a demo cast	Using the program Capturing video w/ the web cam	THINKING ABOUT THEME IN POETRY; MODEL A SAMPLE PARAGRAPH FOR THE ESSAY
Do/Practice	Listen to sample podcasts from •iTunes (Princeton Review Vocabulary Minute) •Teacher Blog (student created book review0	Book Pass--students	Work w/ a partner on the laptops or student computers to create a short podcast with voice and music	Make a short piece introducing yourself or make a spoof commercial for your news program	Work on identifying the theme and collecting examples; begin drafting a body paragraph for your essay
Present/Debrief	Do: Brainstorm topics or types of podcasts you could create Demonstrate the Audacity program	Talk about a book you saw that you liked and want to read	Share with students near you	Questions about movie maker?	Continue work on analysis essay
Wrap Up	Questions about podcasts?	Read aloud; share library thing	Saving your project file and exporting to MP3	Share online tutorials (if time)	Questions about using details in paragraphs?