Introduction to Romeo and Juliet

Welcome to the introduction to Romeo and Juliet with visual aids for ELL support. This lesson is designed to introduce 14-year-old English Language Learners (ELL) to the timeless classic, Romeo and Juliet, by William Shakespeare.

The key learning focus of this lesson is to enhance literacy skills, promote cultural understanding, and foster critical thinking through the use of visual aids and supportive strategies tailored for ELL students.

Lesson Objectives

By the end of this lesson, students will be able to:

1. Analyze the plot of Romeo and Juliet, identifying the main characters, setting, and conflicts
2. Understand the historical context of Romeo and Juliet, including the time period, location, and cultural background
3. Apply knowledge of Romeo and Juliet to real-life situations, making connections between the play's themes and their own experiences
4. Create a visual project, such as a poster or infographic, that demonstrates their understanding of the play's characters, themes, and plot

Vocabulary Building

The following vocabulary words will be defined and explained with grade-appropriate examples to support ELL students' understanding of Romeo and Juliet:

1. Tragedy: A type of play that ends in sadness or disaster, often with a heroic main character
2. Verona: The city in Italy where the play takes place
3. Montague: The family name of Romeo, one of the main characters
4. Capulet: The family name of Juliet, one of the main characters
5. Feud: A long-standing disagreement or fight between two groups or families
6. Love: A strong feeling of affection or attachment between two people
7. Hate: A strong feeling of dislike or hostility towards someone or something
8. Fate: The idea that events are predetermined and cannot be changed
9. Drama: A type of play that tells a story with characters, setting, and plot
10. Character: A person in a play or story
11. Theme: A main idea or message in a play or story
12. Symbolism: The use of objects, colors, or images to represent abstract ideas or concepts

Character Analysis

Analyze the main characters in Romeo and Juliet:

1. Romeo: The male protagonist of the play, a Montague who falls in love with Juliet
2. Juliet: The female protagonist of the play, a Capulet who falls in love with Romeo
3. Tybalt: Juliet's cousin, who hates the Montagues and wants to fight them
4. Friar Lawrence: A wise and understanding priest who helps Romeo and Juliet

Theme Exploration

Explore the themes of Romeo and Juliet:

1. Love: The play explores the theme of love, including the intense passion and devotion between Romeo and Juliet
2. Loyalty: The play explores the theme of loyalty, including the loyalty of Romeo and Juliet to each other and their families
3. Conflict: The play explores the theme of conflict, including the feud between the Montagues and Capulets

Visual Aids

Use visual aids to support understanding of Romeo and Juliet:

1. Images of the characters and setting
2. Diagrams of the play's structure and plot
3. Videos of scenes from the play
4. Infographics of the play's themes and characters

Activities

Complete the following activities to demonstrate understanding of Romeo and Juliet:

1. Create a character map to illustrate the relationships between the main characters
2. Participate in a class discussion on the themes of the play
3. Create a visual project, such as a poster or infographic, that demonstrates understanding of the play's characters, themes, and plot

Assessment

Assessment will be based on:

1. Participation in class discussions and activities
2. Completion of visual project
3. Written reflection on the play's themes and characters

Conclusion

In conclusion, the introduction to Romeo and Juliet with visual aids for ELL support is a valuable and engaging way to promote literacy skills, cultural understanding, and critical thinking.

By incorporating ELL/ESL support strategies, such as graphic organizers, vocabulary building exercises, and opportunities for peer discussion, teachers can create a supportive and inclusive learning environment that caters to the diverse needs of their students.

Worksheet

Complete the following worksheet to demonstrate understanding of Romeo and Juliet:

1. What is the definition of a tragedy?
2. What is the name of the city where the play takes place?
3. What is the family name of Romeo?
4. What is the family name of Juliet?
5. What is the definition of a feud?

Extension Activity

Create a modern adaptation of Romeo and Juliet, using visual aids and language skills to bring the play to life in a contemporary context.

Consider the following questions:

1. How would the characters and setting change in a modern adaptation?
2. How would the themes of love, loyalty, and conflict be relevant in a modern context?
3. What visual aids could be used to support the modern adaptation?

Reflection Questions

Reflect on your learning by answering the following questions:

1. What did you learn about the play's themes and characters?
2. How did the visual aids help you understand the play?
3. What would you like to learn more about in future lessons?

Final Project

Create a final project that demonstrates your understanding of the play's characters, themes, and plot.

The project can be a visual aid, a written reflection, or a presentation.

Consider the following options:

1. Create a poster or infographic that summarizes the play's characters, themes, and plot
2. Write a reflective essay on the play's themes and characters
3. Give a presentation on the play's historical context and cultural significance