Teacher Preparation Lesson Plan

Subject Area: Science and English Language Arts
Unit Title: Conservation and Sustainability
Grade Level: 6-8
Lesson Number: 1 of 4

Duration: 60 minutes
Date: [Insert Date]
Teacher: [Insert Teacher Name]
Room: [Insert Room Number]

Lesson Overview

Welcome to this lesson on designing conservation plans and presenting solutions using graphic organizers and peer feedback for English Language Learners. This lesson is designed for children aged between 11 and 14, and includes mixed ability differentiation for foundation, core, and extension students.

Learning Objectives:

- To understand the concept of conservation and its importance
- To learn how to design a conservation plan using graphic organizers
- To develop presentation skills and learn how to give and receive constructive feedback
- To apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills to real-world environmental issues

ELL/ESL Support Strategies

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- Providing visual aids and graphic organizers to support ELLs in understanding the concept of conservation and sustainability
- Using sentence stems and templates to support ELLs in giving and receiving constructive feedback
- Encouraging ELLs to use dictionaries and online resources to support their research and writing
- Providing interpreters and translators to support ELL parents in parent-teacher meetings and workshops

Lesson Introduction

The lesson will begin with a hook to grab the students' attention and generate interest in the topic of conservation. The teacher will show a short video or image of a local environmental issue, such as pollution or deforestation, and ask students to share their thoughts and feelings about the issue.

Foundation: Students will be provided with a pre-made template to record their thoughts and feelings.
Core: Students will be encouraged to use a graphic organizer to brainstorm and organize their ideas.
Extension: Students will be asked to research and present on a specific environmental issue, using a range of sources and evaluating the credibility of the information.

Graphic Organizer Activity

Students will be given a graphic organizer worksheet and asked to brainstorm and organize their ideas for a conservation plan. The teacher will model how to use the graphic organizer, providing examples of how to categorize and prioritize ideas.

Foundation: Students will be provided with a pre-made template and visual aids to support their understanding.
Core: Students will be encouraged to use the graphic organizer to identify the main points and solutions.
Extension: Students will be asked to create a detailed and comprehensive conservation plan, including a budget and timeline for implementation.

Peer Feedback Session

Students will share their graphic organizers with a partner or in a small group, and provide constructive feedback using a feedback worksheet. The teacher will model how to give and receive feedback, emphasizing the importance of active listening and respectful communication.

Foundation: Students will be provided with a simplified feedback worksheet and sentence stems to support their feedback.
Core: Students will be encouraged to use the feedback to revise and improve their conservation plans.
Extension: Students will be asked to create a self-assessment rubric to evaluate their own presentation skills and provide feedback to their peers.

Presentation Preparation

Students will use their graphic organizers to prepare a short presentation of their conservation plan. The teacher will provide guidance on how to structure the presentation, including an introduction, main points, and conclusion.

Foundation: Students will be provided with a pre-made template and visual aids to support their presentation.
Core: Students will be encouraged to use the graphic organizer to organize their thoughts and express their ideas clearly.
Extension: Students will be asked to create a persuasive poster or video to present their conservation plan.

Presentations and Conclusion

Students will present their conservation plans to the class, using their graphic organizers as a guide. The teacher will facilitate a class discussion, asking questions and encouraging peer feedback.

Foundation: Students will present in small groups.
Core: Students will present to the whole class.
Extension: Students will present to a panel of judges or community leaders.

Conclusion and Next Steps

The lesson will conclude with a review of the key learning objectives and a reflection on what students have learned about conservation and sustainability. Students will be encouraged to reflect on their own learning, using sentence stems such as "I learned that..." or "I was surprised by...".

Next Steps:

- Lesson 2: Researching Conservation Issues
- Lesson 3: Creating a Conservation Campaign
- Lesson 4: Presenting Conservation Plans to the Community

Assessment and Evaluation

Formative assessment will be used to monitor students' progress and understanding throughout the lesson. Summative assessment will be used to evaluate students' understanding of designing conservation plans and presenting solutions using graphic organizers and peer feedback.

Assessment Strategies:

- Observation
- Graphic organizer check-ins
- Peer feedback sessions
- Self-assessment

Resources

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- Graphic organizer worksheets
- Conservation plan template
- Peer feedback worksheet
- Digital presentation tool
- Recycling and conservation videos
- Environmental posters and diagrams

Prior Knowledge and Differentiation

Prior knowledge of environmental issues, graphic organizer skills, presentation skills, and collaboration and feedback will be necessary for students to succeed in this lesson.

Differentiation Strategies:

- Foundation: Provide additional support and guidance for students who may struggle with the concept of conservation and sustainability.
- Core: Encourage students to work in pairs or small groups to design and present their conservation plans.
- Extension: Challenge more able students to research and present on a specific environmental issue.

Cross-Curricular Links

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- Science: Exploring the impact of human activities on the environment.
- Geography: Understanding the importance of conservation and sustainability in different ecosystems.
- English: Developing writing, reading, and presentation skills.
- Mathematics: Calculating the numerical aspects of conservation, such as reducing waste or measuring the effects of climate change.

Conclusion and Reflection

The lesson will conclude with a review of the key learning objectives and a reflection on what students have learned about conservation and sustainability. Students will be encouraged to reflect on their own learning, using sentence stems such as "I learned that..." or "I was surprised by...".

Reflection Questions:

- How well did students engage with the graphic organizers?
- What strategies were most effective in supporting students' presentation skills?
- How can the lesson be adapted to better meet the needs of mixed-ability learners?

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