



Subject Area: English Language Arts
Unit Title: Creative Writing: Fantasy
Grade Level: 7-8
Lesson Number: 1 of 4

Duration: 90 minutes
Date: [Insert Date]
Teacher: [Insert Teacher Name]
Room: [Insert Room Number]

Curriculum Standards Alignment

Content Standards:

- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.7.3: Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events.
- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.7.6: Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing.

Skills Standards:

- Creativity
- Critical thinking
- Communication

Cross-Curricular Links:

- Art: Illustrations and graphics
- Technology: Digital writing tools

Essential Questions & Big Ideas

Essential Questions:

- What are the key elements of fantasy writing?
- How can I create a unique and engaging fantasy world?
- What are the characteristics of well-developed characters in fantasy writing?

Enduring Understandings:

- Fantasy writing allows readers to explore new worlds and ideas.
- Effective fantasy writing requires careful planning and attention to detail.
- Characters are the heart of any story, and their development is crucial to engaging readers.

Student Context Analysis

Class Profile:

- Total Students: 25
- ELL Students: 5
- IEP/504 Plans: 3
- Gifted: 2

Learning Styles Distribution:

- Visual: 40%
- Auditory: 30%
- Kinesthetic: 30%



Introduction to Fantasy Writing

Welcome to the enchanting world of fantasy writing! In this lesson, you will embark on an exciting adventure, exploring the fundamental elements of fantasy storytelling and learning how to craft your first fantasy chapter.

This lesson plan is designed to introduce 13-year-old students to the magical world of fantasy writing, guiding them through the process of creating their own unique fantasy world, characters, and plot.

Lesson Objectives

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

- Understand the key elements of fantasy writing, including world-building, character development, and plot structure.
- Apply these concepts to create their own unique fantasy world, characters, and plot.
- Develop their critical thinking skills, creativity, and writing abilities.



World-Building

Introduce the concept of world-building and its importance in fantasy writing.

Provide a world-building template for students to create their own fantasy world, including geography, climate, culture, and magical systems.

Discuss the importance of consistency and detail in world-building.

World-Building Template

Geography:

- Continents
- Oceans
- Mountains
- Forests

Climate:

- Weather patterns
- Seasons
- Natural disasters

Culture:

- Customs
- Traditions
- Language
- Architecture

Magical Systems:

- Types of magic
- Magical creatures
- Magical artifacts



Character Development

Introduce the concept of character development and its importance in fantasy writing.

Provide a character profile template for students to create their own unique characters, including character traits, motivations, and backstory.

Discuss the importance of creating well-rounded and believable characters.

Character Profile Template

Character Traits:

- Physical appearance
- Personality
- Skills
- Abilities

Motivations:

- Goals
- Desires
- Fears
- Conflict

Backstory:

- Family
- Friends
- Enemies
- Major life events



Plot Structure

Introduce the concept of plot structure and its importance in fantasy writing.

Provide a plot diagram for students to create their own unique plot, including exposition, rising action, climax, and resolution.

Discuss the importance of creating a clear and engaging narrative.

Plot Diagram

Exposition:

- Introduction to setting and characters
- Establishing the conflict
- Setting the tone

Rising Action:

- Building tension and conflict
- Introducing obstacles and challenges
- Developing character relationships

Climax:

- The most intense and critical moment
- The turning point of the story
- The resolution of the conflict

Resolution:

- Tying up loose ends
- Providing closure
- Leaving room for a sequel



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Writing Your First Fantasy Chapter

Provide a writing prompt for students to write their first fantasy chapter, using the world-building, character development, and plot structure concepts learned during the lesson.

Discuss the importance of using descriptive language and sensory details to bring the fantasy world to life.

Encourage students to share their work and provide feedback to peers.

Writing Prompt

Write the first chapter of your fantasy novel, introducing your main character and setting.

Use descriptive language to bring your world to life, and include sensory details to engage your readers.

Make sure to include a clear structure, including exposition, rising action, and a cliffhanger to keep your readers hooked.



Conclusion and Reflection

Summarize the key concepts learned during the lesson, including world-building, character development, and plot structure.

Ask students to reflect on their learning and identify areas for improvement.

Provide opportunities for students to share their work and receive feedback from peers and the teacher.

Reflection Questions

Reflection Questions:

- What did you learn about fantasy writing during this lesson?
- What challenges did you face while writing your first fantasy chapter?
- What would you like to improve on in your next writing assignment?



Assessment and Evaluation

Discuss the assessment and evaluation methods used to measure student learning, including quizzes, writing samples, and peer review.

Provide a rubric for assessing student work, including criteria for world-building, character development, and plot structure.

Encourage students to reflect on their own learning and identify areas for improvement.

Assessment Rubric

World-Building:

- Clarity and consistency of world-building
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Plot Structure:

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Additional Resources

Fantasy Writing Guide:

- Fantasy writing tips and tricks
- World-building exercises
- Character development prompts

Online Fantasy Writing Community:

- Join online forums and discussions
- Share your work and receive feedback
- Connect with other fantasy writers

Fantasy Novel Examples:

- J.R.R. Tolkien's The Lord of the Rings
- J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series
- George R.R. Martin's A Song of Ice and Fire series

Extension Activities

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- Create a fantasy map
- Write a fantasy short story
- Develop a magical system
- Create a fantasy creature



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Parent Engagement

Read and provide feedback on student work

Engage in discussions about fantasy writing

Encourage students to share their work and creativity

Safety Considerations

Establish a positive and respectful classroom culture

Provide clear guidelines and warnings before engaging in writing activities

Encourage students to be mindful of their own emotional well-being and take regular breaks if needed



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Reflection Questions

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- Were students actively engaged throughout the lesson?
- Did students demonstrate a clear understanding of the key concepts, including world-building, character development, and plot structure?
- Was the lesson pace well-suited to the students' needs, allowing for adequate time for interactive prompts and exercises?



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Next Steps

Lesson 2: Developing Fantasy Creatures and Magical Systems

Lesson 3: Writing Fantasy Dialogue and Description

Lesson 4: Editing and Revising Fantasy Writing

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- Character profile template
- Plot diagram



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