

**Subject Area:** English Language Arts  
**Unit Title:** Exploring Identity and Cultural Heritage  
**Grade Level:** 11-12  
**Lesson Number:** 1 of 4

**Duration:** 90 minutes  
**Date:** March 10, 2024  
**Teacher:** Ms. Johnson  
**Room:** 205

## Curriculum Standards Alignment

### Content Standards:

- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.11-12.1
- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.11-12.2
- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.11-12.3

### Skills Standards:

- Critical Thinking
- Creativity
- Self-Expression

### Cross-Curricular Links:

- History
- Culture
- Technology

## Essential Questions & Big Ideas

### Essential Questions:

- What makes you, you?
- How do our cultural heritage and personal experiences shape our identities?

### Enduring Understandings:

- Identity is complex and multifaceted.
- Cultural heritage and personal experiences influence our identities.

## 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%

## Pre-Lesson Preparation

### Room Setup:

- Arrange desks in a circle for discussion
- Set up technology for video presentation

### Technology Needs:

- Computer with internet access
- Projector and screen

### Materials Preparation:

- Whiteboard and markers
- Handouts with guiding questions

### Safety Considerations:

- Ensure students are aware of online safety guidelines

## Detailed Lesson Flow

### Introduction (10 minutes)

- Introduce the topic of identity and cultural heritage
- Ask students to consider the question, "What makes you, you?"

### Teaching Script (30 minutes)

- Present Pico Iyer's TED Talk, "Where is Home"
- Lead a class discussion on the talk's themes and ideas

#### Engagement Strategies:

- Think-pair-share
- Small group discussions

### Guided Practice (25 minutes)

- Have students brainstorm ideas for their digital narratives
- Provide guidance on how to use multimedia tools

#### Scaffolding Strategies:

- One-on-one support
- Peer feedback

### Independent Practice (25 minutes)

- Have students create their digital narratives
- Encourage students to use creative and critical thinking skills

### Closure (10 minutes)

- Have students share their digital narratives
- Lead a class discussion on the importance of identity and cultural heritage

## Differentiation & Support Strategies

### For Struggling Learners:

- Provide additional support and guidance
- Offer one-on-one support

### For Advanced Learners:

- Provide additional challenges and extensions
- Encourage students to take on leadership roles

### ELL Support Strategies:

- Provide visual aids and graphic organizers
- Offer bilingual support

### Social-Emotional Learning Integration:

- Encourage self-awareness and self-reflection
- Teach empathy and understanding

## Assessment & Feedback Plan

### Formative Assessment Strategies:

- Observations
- Class discussions

### Success Criteria:

- Students will be able to create a digital narrative that explores their sense of self and cultural heritage
- Students will be able to demonstrate critical thinking and creativity skills

### Feedback Methods:

- Peer feedback
- Self-assessment

## Homework & Extension Activities

### Homework Assignment:

Have students complete their digital narratives and submit them for feedback

### Extension Activities:

- Have students create a reflective essay on their learning experience
- Encourage students to share their digital narratives with the class

### Parent/Guardian Connection:

## Teacher Reflection Space

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### Pre-Lesson Reflection:

- What challenges do I anticipate?
- Which students might need extra support?
- What backup plans should I have ready?

### Post-Lesson Reflection:

- What went well?
- What would I change?
- Next steps for instruction?

## What is Digital Narrative?

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Digital narrative is a form of storytelling that uses digital media to convey a message or tell a story. It can include a variety of formats, such as videos, podcasts, and interactive websites.

## Benefits of Digital Narrative

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- Engages students in creative and critical thinking
- Provides an outlet for self-expression and communication
- Develops technical skills and digital literacy

## Examples of Digital Narrative

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- Videos
- Podcasts
- Interactive websites
- Virtual reality experiences

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### Analyzing Pico Iyer's Narrative Techniques

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Have students analyze Pico Iyer's narrative techniques in his TED Talk, "Where is Home".

Ask students to identify and explain the techniques used by Iyer to convey his message.

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### Brainstorming Digital Narrative Ideas

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Have students brainstorm ideas for their digital narratives.

Ask students to consider the themes and ideas presented in Pico Iyer's TED Talk.

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### Storyboarding a Digital Narrative

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Have students create a storyboard for their digital narrative.

Ask students to include visuals and text to convey their message.

### Creating a Digital Narrative

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Have students create their digital narratives using a variety of multimedia tools.

Ask students to include visuals, text, and audio to convey their message.

### Digital Narrative Template

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Provide students with a template for creating a digital narrative.

Ask students to include the following elements: introduction, body, and conclusion.

### Digital Narrative Scriptwriting

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Have students write a script for their digital narrative.

Ask students to include dialogue, narration, and sound effects.

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## Digital Narrative Presentation

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Have students present their digital narratives to the class.

Ask students to include a brief introduction and explanation of their narrative.

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## Reflective Essay

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Have students write a reflective essay on their learning experience.

Ask students to include the following elements: introduction, body, and conclusion.

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## Peer Review

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Have students participate in a peer review process.

Ask students to provide feedback on their peers' digital narratives.

### Summary of Key Points

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In this lesson, students learned about the importance of identity and cultural heritage.

Students created digital narratives that explored their sense of self and cultural heritage.

### Teaching Tips

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- Encourage authenticity and honesty in students' digital narratives
- Provide feedback and guidance throughout the lesson
- Encourage students to take risks and try new things

### Reflection Questions

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- What did I learn about identity and cultural heritage?
- How can I apply what I learned to my own life?
- What challenges did I face during the lesson, and how did I overcome them?

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## **Lesson 2: Exploring Cultural Heritage through Digital Museums**

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In this lesson, students will learn about cultural heritage and how to create digital museums.  
Students will create digital museums that showcase their cultural heritage and personal identities.

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## **Lesson 3: Digital Storytelling for Social Impact**

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In this lesson, students will learn about digital storytelling and how to use it for social impact.  
Students will create digital stories that raise awareness about social issues and promote positive change.

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## **Lesson 4: Digital Narrative Showcase**

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In this lesson, students will showcase their digital narratives and reflect on their learning experience.  
Students will provide feedback and guidance to their peers and receive feedback from the teacher.

### Final Thoughts

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In conclusion, this lesson plan provides a comprehensive guide for teaching students about identity and cultural heritage through digital narrative.

By following this lesson plan, teachers can help students develop critical thinking, creativity, and self-expression skills.