Increasing Literacy through History Learning

Correlates to Segregation History Lesson Plans
http://www.bringinghistoryhome.org/downloads/Third/3_Seg_Lesson_Plans.pdf

Pre-Unit Lesson: Study of Africa

Literacy Activities in the Lesson:

2. Guided reading or Read Aloud: Folktales.
3. Read Aloud: The First People Were Probably Africans.

Pre-Unit Lesson: The Underground Railroad

Literacy Activities in the Lesson:

1. Read Aloud: Slavery.
2. Read Aloud: The Underground Railroad.
3. Read Aloud: If You Traveled on the Underground Railroad.
4. Read Aloud: Follow The Drinking Gourd.
5. Read Aloud: Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt.

Activity 1: The Civil War

Literacy Activities in the Lesson:

1. Read Aloud: Pink and Say.
2. Sequencing: Timeline.
Literacy Activities incorporated by BHH pilot teachers, in addition to those in the original BHH lesson.

- Comprehension strategy: Questioning while reading (before, during, and after).

**Activity 2: The U.S. Constitution**

**Literacy Activities in the Lesson:**

1. **Read/Think Aloud:** What Is the Constitution?
2. **Analyze** the Constitution as a written document.

**Activity 3: The 13th Amendment**

**Literacy Activities in the Lesson:**

1. **Read Aloud:** *The Wagon*.
2. **Vocabulary:** Amendment and the definition.

**Activity 4: Prejudice**

**Literacy Activities in the Lesson:**

1. **Vocabulary:** Prejudice.
2. **Read Aloud:** *The Other Side*.

3. Comprehension strategy: Questioning after reading.
Activity 5: Prejudice against African Americans

Literacy Activities in the Lesson:

1. **Graphic organizer**: KWL chart.
2. **Analyze** historical photos.
3. **Oral Speaking**: role playing.
4. **Read Aloud**: *Working Cotton*.

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- **Vocabulary**: Sharecropping.
- **Reading comprehension strategy**: Questioning (before, during, and after) *Working Cotton*.

Extension for Activity 5: The Negro League

Literacy Activities in the lesson

1. **Graphic organizer**: KWL chart.
2. **Read Aloud**: *The Batboy and His Violin*.
3. **Read Aloud**: *The Picture Book of Jackie Robinson*.
4. **Graphic organizer, Venn diagram**: Compare *The Batboy and His Violin* and *The Picture Book of Jackie Robinson*.
5. Comprehension strategies, Questioning and Inferring.

Activity 6: African American People Resisted Segregation.

Literacy Activities in the Lesson:

1. **Read Aloud**: *White Socks Only*.
2. **Read Aloud**: *One More River To Cross*.
3. **Guided Reading/Cooperative Learning Groups**: Read, research, and write a mini-biography summary.
4. **Oral Speaking:** Student presentations to class about their biography.

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See *One more River to Cross* extension lesson plan on the BHH website. 

- Read Aloud.
- Comprehension strategy.
- Connecting to Schema (text to text).

**Extension for Activity 6: Overcoming Segregation.**

**Literacy Activities in the Lesson:**

1. **Independent reading:** Students' book of choice.
2. **Research and writing:** a biographical paragraph.

**Activity 7: African American people during the segregation years, 1865-1950.**

**Literacy Activities in the Lesson:**

1. **Vocabulary:** Other story of segregation, the history of segregation.
2. **Analyze** historical photos to **retell** a story.
3. **Read Aloud:** *Mama Dear’s Apron*.
4. **Read Aloud:** *Langston Hughes: American Poet*.

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- **Comprehension Strategy:** Questioning of *Mama Dear’s Aprons* and *Langston Hughes* (before, during, and after reading).

**Activity 8: Review and Conclusion**

**Literacy Activities in the Lesson:**

1. **Graphic organizer:** KWL chart.
2. **Graphic organizer:** mind map (use of literature books throughout the unit).

3. **Synthesizing and writing:** Declaration of Human Rights.

4. **Read Aloud:** *Uncle Jed’s Barbershop*.

5. **Comprehension strategy:** Questioning (before, during, and after reading).

**Extension Activity: The Addy Book Series.**

**Literacy Activities in the Lesson:**

1. **Read Aloud:** All *Addy* books.

2. **Vocabulary development.**

3. **Comprehension strategies:** Questioning, Inferring, Visualizing.

4. **Summarization:** Writing summaries of each book.