

Web Lessons for The Madonna Ghost

Introduction

- This lesson is set up with seven stations. The stations can be done together as a station lesson, or each station can be a separate investigation.
- The students should work in their cooperative learning groups. Individual tasks are suggested.
- The N.Y. State learning standards for ELA, MST, and Social Studies are listed.
- The desired depth of the research will determine the amount of time spent on each station or all the stations.
- Each station has an Aim, Instructions, a Materials List, and a list of websites suggested for researching answers.

Motivation: An exciting motivation for engaging students in the station lessons described below is for your students to read The Madonna Ghost. This novel is a mystery/ghost story set on Long Island's Fire Island. The adventures of the main characters, Annie Tillery and Ty Egan, as described in the book enable the readers to delve into the history and geography of the island. As the story unfolds students will enjoy discovering more about Fire Island's history of shipwrecks, lighthouses, piracy and crime.

Learning Standards: The lessons that I have designed to complement my books encompass a variety of Learning Standards in the following areas for the intermediate level.

ELA Standards

Students will read, write, listen and speak for

- Information and understanding
- Literary response and expression
- Critical analysis and evaluation
- Social interaction.

These are the standards in their most general terms. Only you as the teacher can decide for your class goals which key ideas and performance indicators to use. A helpful website is www.nysed.gov/ela

MST Standards

- Standard 1: Analysis, Inquiry, and Design

Scientific Inquiry

- Standard 4, intermediate KI 2, 6, 7
- Standard 7, Interdisciplinary Problem Solving

Connections

Strategies

- Under Living Environment Skills, choose the ones pertaining to ecology
- Under Physical Environment Skills, choose the ones pertaining to Earth Science

Link to Science Standards:

http://www.pnwbores.org/Science21/Learning_Standards.html

Social Studies Standards

Standard 1, KI 1

Standard 3, KI 1

Link to Social Studies Standards

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/socst/>

Cooperative Learning Strategies

Most of the activities in the lessons that follow require student collaboration. The web sites listed below give some helpful and imaginative hints as to how to use cooperative learning strategies. A visit to these sites is suggested.

www.teachervision.fen.com/cooperative-learning/resource/48649.html

<http://www.thirteen.org/edonline/concept2class/coopcollab/index.html> - 13k - Cached