

Personal Narratives Lesson Plan



ELA Standards: LAFS RL.1.2, LAFS RL.2.5, LAFS W.1.3, LAFS W.2.4, LAFS SL 1.1, LAFS SL 1.2, LAFS L 1.1, LAFS L 1.2

Objective: To gain a better understanding of Personal Narratives by incorporating EOD Quotes & Artwork into the concepts learned.

Resources:

- EOD Personal Narratives Flipchart/PowerPoint
- 'Camels' Ted Talk (Link Provided in Flipchart)

Direct Instruction:

Slide 1: Introduce to the students the lesson and how it will incorporate Personal Narratives with Embracing Our Differences quotes and artwork.

Slide 2: View the TED talk on Natalia Rybczynski, and the story of her art discovery.

Discussion Questions:

- How did Natalia's story take the form of a personal narrative?
(The presentation included audio of her speaking)
- Was the presentation diminished at all by having someone else tell the story for/with her?
- What was the authors purpose? Why tell the story of her discovery?

Slide 3: Prompt the students to answer the question. It can be discussed verbally/as a class/in small groups/written before sharing.

Slides 4-5: Review the questions with the students. Encourage the students to write in complete sentences that include detailed explanations.

- A) "The picture depicts nine different women who represent different cultures and backgrounds, so be sure to take this into consideration. Think carefully about the colors used and the garments they are each wearing. When you answer, be sure to explain your thinking by responding in 2 or more sentences."
- B) "The women in the picture are all blended together. Each only shows a segment of their bodies and they are spread out in a fan shape. Think about the significance of them being drawn this way, rather than as fully separate characters."

Slides 6-7:

- A) "Look carefully at all of the aspects of this image. The background, where he is standing, what's going on around him, as well as the details of this man's body. What do you notice?"
- B) "Coping is something that everyone has to do on a daily basis. Everyone gets upset, is disappointed, or has some type of struggle they are dealing with. Coping strategies help you to deal with stress in a positive way."

Slides 8-9:

- A) "Think about school subjects, after school activities, sports, etc. What is something that you love to do? Normally the things we enjoy the most are the things that we are best at."
- B) "Nearly every story includes a lesson learned for the main character. They will grow and change in some way. Most of the time the change is positive, but sometimes the change can be negative."
- C) "Pay careful attention to the colors and body language of the musician."

Slides 10-11:

- A) "A personal narrative is a story that the author generally writes about themselves or an experience they have had. Each personal narrative is unique to the person telling the story. Compare and contrast this idea to the concept of books and their stories."
- B) "As a world we need to learn to not only accept differences between people and cultures but to celebrate them. The world would be a very boring place if we were all the same. As Dr. Seuss said, 'Why fit in when you were born to stand out?'"