

Rhapsody with Raptors Lesson Plan

Overview:

- Raptor lesson: Structured note taking
- Mystery Metaphors activity
- Examine talons and generate lists of “Bird Words”
- Find examples of figurative language in poetry and children’s literature
- Compose a cinquain poem

Details:

5 minutes	1. Science mini-lesson: Fill in the note taking chart.
5 minutes	2. Connect the science to ELA. Look at the Common Core standards. What is figurative language? Go over examples. Read the scaffolded Raleigh’s Story.
10 minutes	<p>3. Four Square Activity: With a partner, generate lists of “Bird Words.” Pass out talons and feathers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Brainstorm a list of adjectives that describe what talons and feathers LOOK like and FEEL like (such as shape, color, texture) Brainstorm a list of nouns that share physical characteristics with raptors (such as plane, knife, hook) Brainstorm a list of verbs related to raptors (such as stalk, grasp, kill) Brainstorm a list of adverbs related to raptors (such as fiercely, stealthily, powerfully) <p>Then, create a simile or metaphor for one or more of your Bird Words. For example: A sharp, curved talons could be compared to a _____. Share.</p>
5 minutes	<p>4. Mystery Metaphors Activity:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Select an object from the box. How could this object represent what a raptor looks like, what a raptor can do, or how it can do it? (Items include a cotton ball, sandpaper, slipper sock, hook, peeler, airplane, fringe, straw, black marble)
10 minutes	<p>5. Finding figurative language: Choose an excerpt from poetry, children’s literature, or Raleigh’s Story.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Look for examples of similes, metaphors, personification, alliteration, and onomatopoeia; highlight them. Share
5 minutes	6. In small groups, write a Cinquain poem. Share.
5 minutes	7. Unpack the lesson.