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Creating a Poetry Collection

Subject(s)

- Literature
- Language Arts
- Technology



Grade

Adaptable for all grade levels

Brief Description

In this lesson, which encourages students to think about the sounds of poems and to enjoy reading them, students use lip-syncing software to produce an animated talking head.

Objectives

- Students will
- develop their enjoyment and appreciation of the sound of poetry.
 - develop the ability to read poems aloud in an expressive way.
 - develop language skills

Keywords

Poetry, poems, literature, language arts

Materials Needed

- You will need to download and install the free lip-syncing software Lipz. (Small download of 5Mb for PC only. Alternative free recording software for MAC is Audacity, but it doesnt have the animated talking head .)
- Internet access to Poetry 180 and Hip Hop Poems.
- Students will need access to computers that have microphones and speakers.

Lesson Plan

Note: Preview all poems and poetry sites used to be sure the material is appropriate for your students.

Read aloud the [sample poem](#) or create a sample of your own. Ask students if they know who wrote the poem (Sonnet 130 by William Shakespeare) and discuss what the author was trying to say. Ask students what other poets they know and/or like.

Tell students they are going to create a class collection of poems.

Send students to [Poetry 180](#). You might consider asking older students to find and record a poem they like at [Hip Hop Poems](#). When each student has found a poem, ask students to make a copy and practice reading the poem aloud.

Show students the video tutorial of how to create a [Flipz TV](#) poem.

Ask students to open the Flipz TV software, paste in the text of the poem, and then remove the punctuation.

Then have students record themselves saying the poem. When they are happy with their recording, ask them to save it.

Students then can listen to one another's poems. Encourage students to explain to the class why they chose the poem they did and what they liked best about it.

If you have a class Web site or blog, you might upload the poems for other classes to listen to.

Assessment

Students are evaluated on their participation in the activity.

Lesson Plan Source

Developed from an original posting on the [Learning Technology Teacher Development Blog](#).

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