

It's Always the "Write" Time for Writer's Workshop!

Developing a Unit of Study for Persuasion



“It is essential that children are deeply involved in writing, that they share their texts with others, and that they perceive themselves as authors. I believe these three things are interconnected. A sense of authorship comes from the struggle to put something big and vital into print, and from seeing one’s own printed words reach the hearts and minds of readers.”

-Lucy Calkins



- **Minilesson,**
- **Independent Writing Time with teacher conferencing**
- **Sharing**
- **[30-45 minutes 3-5 times a week]**



- **How the yearlong writing curriculum is divided**
- **Helps children learn to write within a particular genre, such as personal narratives, poetry, nonfiction, etc.**
- **Could also focus on particular aspects of the writing process such as revision**



- **4 types of.....**
- **procedures/organization**
- **strategies/processes**
- **skills**
- **craft/techniques**



**....a curricular skill in
which students develop
the ability to
communicate ideas in a
variety of written forms.**



The World of Writing



Writing

**Writer's
Workshop**

**Units of
Study**

Minilessons

Possible Units of Study: Grades 4-5

- Launching the Writer's Workshop
- **Persuasive**
- Personal Narrative
- Research
- Memoir
- Mysteries
- Fiction
- Authors as Mentors
- Literary Nonfiction
- Poetry
- Speeches
- Feature Articles
- Picture Book Study
- The Craft of Revision



Quick write....

What if persuasion didn't exist?



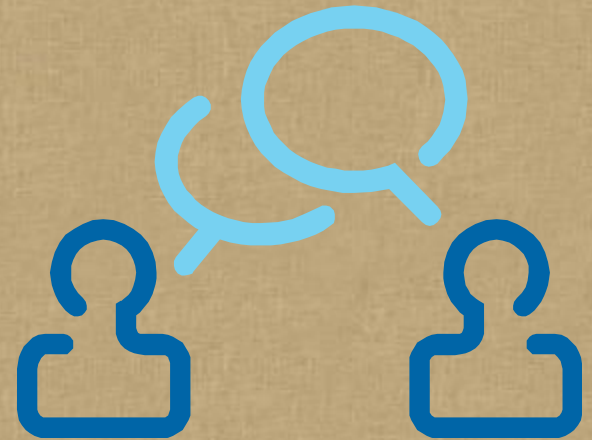
Persuasive Unit of Study

- **Fact and Opinion**
- **Point of View**
- **Argument/Counterargument**
- **Knowing your Audience**
- **How to Make a Case**
- **Understanding the Rhetorical Question**
- **Pros/Cons**



Persuasive Writing Publishing Options

- Essays
- Travel Brochures
- Advertisements
- Book Reviews
- Video Game Reviews
- Restaurant Reviews
- Music Reviews
- Speeches
- Letter



Where do writers get ideas?

Things they know...

Things they care about...



Collecting Seed Ideas....

Video Clip

“Fair and Unfair (List and Star)”

***Inside Notebooks: Bringing Out
Writer’s, Grades 3-6***

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Mentor Texts

- **Idea mentor texts**
- **Structure mentor texts**
- **Craft mentor texts**

-Corbett Harrison



Picture Books....Looking for Mentor Texts

- **Select a book from the basket at your table.**
- **Skim the book and decide how you think it could be a mentor text for a persuasive unit.**
- **Share ideas with your colleagues.**



Sample Minilesson

“Banning Peanuts” Mentor Text

Time for Kids Article,
October 1998

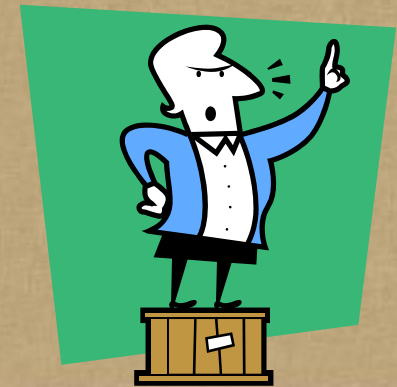


- Have students cut out text for one of the sides presented in the article.
- Glue the text in their Writing Notebooks.
- Students can then mark up the text with comments about how it was persuasive.



Student Response: “Banning Peanuts”

- How is the student’s perspective different?
- Why show both texts to your students?



Anchor Chart

Reader	Persuasive Text	Writer

Video Clip

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What is a typical timeline for a Unit of Study?

Ongoing	Reading Like Writers
4-5 Days	Telling & Planning Stories
7-8 Days	Develop Stories in Writing
5-6 Days	Revising and Editing
2 Days	Publication, Reflection, and Assessment

Considerations....

- Begin with the end in mind...how are students going to publish work in this unit of study?
- What will be the instructional focus of the minilessons?
- Which mentor text(s) will support this unit?
- How will we share and celebrate our work?



Resources

- Planning Template
- Persuasive Unit of Study
“Road Map”
- Curriculum Map
- Mentor Texts (Less is More)



Accessing Unit of Study: Persuasive MAP in Rubicon

Follow Directions
on the Pink Card in
your basket.



Sharing

- <http://123.writeboard.com/da1b6fa49c3e16c82/login>
- Password: convinceme



Questions?

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Where do I go for Picture Perfect Science?

- 4th Grade-Blue River Elementary Gym
- 5th Grade-Stays here in the BVMS commons.
- Your next session begins at 9:55. Enjoy!

