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Tips and Tricks for Integrating Theater, ELA, and Authentic Art Practice

CONNECTIVITY SUMMER 2020

STEP 1

WHAT IS THE THEME OF THE SHOW?

- Think about lessons learned
- What are the Big Ideas?

STEP 2

HOW WILL YOU TEACH THIS THEME TO YOUR STUDENTS?

(REACH MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES)

- Song Lyric Analysis
- Character Study
- Costume Design
- Stage Design
- Remember: Visual Literacy!

STEP 3

HOW WILL YOUR STUDENTS RELATE THIS THEME TO THEIR OWN EXPERIENCE?

- Ask Guiding and Essential Questions about the Big Idea
- Use collaborative learning strategies to scaffold thinking
 - Think Pair Share
 - 4 Corners
 - Carousel
 - Jig Saw activities
 - ...and more!

STEP 4

HOW WILL STUDENTS MAKE LEARNING VISIBLE?

- How will students show what they have learned?
- What will they produce?
 - Art project
 - Writing piece
 - Music sample
 - Play/Performance piece

STEP 5

REFLECTION

- How will students reflect on their learning?
- What else do you want to learn from your student's creative experience?

When conducting a thematic theater analysis, it is important to remember that students need to relate the theater concepts to a universal idea that can relate back to their own experiences. This will provide students with motivation to dig deeper into their own thoughts and creative expression.

