

Albert Einstein

Lesson Plan for Grades 3-5

Studies Weekly ELA Standards	SW.RL.3, SW.RI.7, SW.W.1, SW.SL.1.D
Materials List	<input type="checkbox"/> Smartboard <input type="checkbox"/> Tootsie Pops <input type="checkbox"/> Albert Einstein quotes <input type="checkbox"/> Markers <input type="checkbox"/> Rulers <input type="checkbox"/> Paper cut into 4"x11" sections
Approximate Time	90 minutes or 2 class periods, excluding a 1-3 minute article
Balanced Literacy Format	Shared Writing
Lesson Presentation Format	Whole Group
Specific/Research-based Strategies	Reading Thinking Activity Drawing to show understanding Writing legibly
Differentiated Instruction	Students who do not feel comfortable drawing, can use computer generated pictures to illustrate their idea.
Enrichment Activity	Students can research more about Albert Einstein and write a report about his life and many accomplishments.
Quiz	Assess the bumper sticker. Did they copy the quote correctly? Did the design match the quote? Was it neat? Was the writing legible?
Answer Key / Complexity Level	Low/4
Activity Directions for the Teacher	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pass out the Tootsie Pops as the class walks in. Tell the students they can suck them now and that they are part of the lesson. Tell them not to bite the lollipop to get to the center. 2. On the Smartboard, have a picture of Albert Einstein along with this quote, "It's not that I am so smart. It's just that I stay with problems longer." 3. Read the quote to the class. 	

4. Next, explain that they will be learning about Albert Einstein today and his diligence. Share the article from Studies Weekly; Week 1, Page 3:
<https://app.studiesweekly.com/online/publications/59375/units/59383#/articles/59780>
5. Define the word "diligence" to the class: careful and persistent work. Without Einstein's diligence, the world of science would not be what it is today.
6. Have them read the quote again. How does it explain Einstein's mindset?
7. Ask the class how being diligent can help them in their lives.
8. Next ask the students if any of them had reached the center of the lollipop. Of those that have, how many bit the lolly? Ask them why they decided to bite it. Was it hard to not bite the lolly?
9. Explain that sticking to a task like only licking the lollipop can be challenging. It takes diligence to reach the goal.
10. Explain that Einstein had diligence and changed the world of science. He also had many words of wisdom to share. Read a few of Einstein's quotes.
11. Tell the students that they will each get a quote from Einstein, and will be designing a bumper sticker to illustrate the quote.
12. Individually conference with each student. Have them explain their quote to you and what they have in mind for a design. Be sure they know that the design must reflect the meaning of the quote.
13. Pass out the paper, rulers, and markers. Allow the students to work on the bumper stickers in class.