



Sunflower Poetry Project Unit Overview

About this Unit

This is a short scheme written with lower ability Year Seven students in mind. It is a good way to introduce poetry almost without the students realising it! Even if your class is intimidated by poetry or lacking in confidence, it will help foster understanding and enjoyment.

There is a booklet of sunflower poems which can be read in class and used for independent reading. The activities for each lesson are based around the topic of sunflowers.

By the end of the scheme, your class should be confident with adjectives, similes and personification and should be able to take their first steps to analysing a poem without fear.

If you want to be adventurous, you can even have your class plant a sunflower each so that by the end of the scheme, they will have their own sunflower poem plus a plant to take home!

Lessons

Included in this Pack	Learning Objectives	Main Pupil Activities	Additional Resources Required
Lesson PowerPoint Teaching Ideas Sunflower Poems Booklet	To revise adjectives and similes.	Finding adjectives and similes. Students write their own similes. Purpose of similes and adjectives.	IWB Exercise books Thesaurus
	Success Criteria	Improving sentences using similes and adjectives.	National Curriculum AOs
	To be able to follow instructions to carry out a task. To be able to adapt your writing for a younger audience. To be able to evaluate the effectiveness of instructions.	Writing own similes and adjectives based on picture stimuli. Quiz.	Writing Objectives: 1.a.ii, 1.d, 2.b.

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Lesson PowerPoint Teaching Ideas Sunflower Poems Booklet Similes Activity Text Cards Summary Cards	To explore the skills needed to successfully read out loud.	Spot the similes. Reading out loud practice. Critiquing clips of poetry. Performing poetry. Summary card – three things learnt during the lesson.	Internet access for video clips.
	Success Criteria		National Curriculum AOs
	To be able to recognise similes within a text. To be able to read poetry with confidence and expression.		National Curriculum English Reading Objectives: 1.a.i, 3.a, 3.b, Spoken English Objectives: 1.a, 1.b, 1.d.

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Lesson PowerPoint Teaching Ideas Sunflower Poems Booklet Nonsense Shapes Seed Packet Questions	To read, understand and create instructions.	Giving instructions game. Comprehension. Planting sunflower seeds (optional). Writing instructions. Making links to other subjects.	IWB Exercise books/paper Optional seed planting equipment: Sunflower seeds, small plant pots, sticky labels, compost, water and newspaper/ sandwich bags.
	Success Criteria		National Curriculum AOs
	To be able to follow instructions to carry out a task. To be able to adapt your writing for a younger audience. To be able to evaluate the effectiveness of instructions.		National Curriculum English Reading Objectives: 1.a.i, 2.a, 2.b, 2.c, 2.d, 3.a. Writing Objectives: 1.a.iv, 1.b, 1.c, 1.d, 2.a, 2.b, 2.c. Grammar and Vocabulary Objectives: 1.a, 1.c, 1.d.

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Lesson PowerPoint Teaching Ideas Sunflower Poems Booklet Story of the Sunflower Seed Test Your Knowledge Annotation Text	To explore personification and begin to analyse a poem.	Drama (optional) Imaginative writing. Understanding Personification. Recap adjectives, similes and personification. Annotating a poem. Analysing content and language.	IWB Exercise books/paper
	Success Criteria		National Curriculum AOs
	To recognise, explain and create personification. To know what annotation is. To attempt annotation. To be able to use evidence in analysis of a poem.		National Curriculum English Reading Objectives: 1.a, 2.b, 2.d, 3.a, 3.b. Writing Objectives: 1.a.ii, 1.d.

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Lesson PowerPoint Teaching Ideas Sunflower Poems Booklet Flower Power Comprehension Comprehension Questions and Answers Comprehension Vocabulary Sheet	To engage with and explore a non-fiction text.	To complete the Flower Power Sunflower Comprehension. This is scaffolded via the PowerPoint. Information retrieval. Think – Pair – Share. Inference and Interpretation. Demonstrating Inference. Exploration. Personal Response.	IWB Exercise books Highlighters (optional)
	Success Criteria		National Curriculum AOs
	To be able to retrieve information from a text. To infer and interpret information from a text.		National Curriculum English Reading Objectives: 1.a, 2.a, 2.b, 2.c.

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Lesson PowerPoint Teaching Ideas Sunflower Poems Booklet Sunflower Poem Ideas Sheet	To synthesise your ideas with techniques we have studied.	Recap simile, adjective and personification. Creative writing. Writing and reviewing a first draft.	IWB Exercise books Sticky notes
	Success Criteria		National Curriculum AOs
	To recall and explain the meanings of literary terms we have studied. To apply these techniques effectively in your own creative writing.		Writing Objectives: 1.a.ii, 1.c, 1.d, 2.a, 2.b, 2.c.

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Lesson PowerPoint Teaching Ideas Sunflower Poems Booklet Proof Reading Worksheet	To explore the proof reading and editing process.	Defining proof reading and editing. Proof reading a text then editing it. Proof reading and editing own poem. Reading out own poem. Evaluating own work.	IWB Exercise books
	Success Criteria		National Curriculum AOs
	To be able to explain the difference between proof reading and editing. To be able to put those skills into practice.		Writing Objectives: 1.a.ii, 1.c, 1.d, 2.a, 2.b, 2.c.