



Lesson Plan: Understanding the Declaration of Independence

Assessment:

Students will demonstrate their understanding of the Declaration of Independence through authentic assessments in the areas of writing, drawing, dramatization, as well as teacher observation.

Quality Criteria:

The quality of the students' work will be determined based on the rubric given to each student. The areas included in the rubric include criteria for the accuracy of the section interpretation, skit storyboard connection to the written interpretation, a creative interpretation in the dramatization of their section of the Declaration of Independence, as well as a short written assignment.

Rubric – Attached.



Understanding the Declaration of Independence—Project Rubric

	4—Advanced	3--Proficient	2--Basic	1—Below Basic
Translation of assigned section of the Declaration of Independence	Section is translated accurately with a clear understanding of section contents	Section is mostly accurate and the overall understanding of the section is obvious	Section translation is missing some of the main ideas and understanding of topic is not clear.	Section translation is inaccurate or incomplete.
Storyboard depiction of the assigned section	Storyboard includes drawings, captions, and speech bubbles that accurately depict the section of the Declaration that was translated.	Storyboard is missing one of the following: drawings, captions, or speech bubbles, but still accurately depicts the section of the Declaration that was translated.	Storyboard is missing two of the following: drawings, captions, or speech bubbles, but the storyboard accurately depicts the scene that was translated.	Storyboard is missing two of the following: drawings, captions, or speech bubbles and the storyboard does not accurately depict the scene that was translated.
Skit	Skit is an accurate and authentic portrayal of the section of the Declaration of Independence. Props add to the understanding of the topic.	Skit is a mostly accurate and authentic portrayal of the section of the Declaration of Independence. Props are used.	Skit is a somewhat accurate and authentic portrayal of the section of the Declaration of Independence. Minimal props are used.	Skit does not convey the meaning of the section of the Declaration of Independence. Few or no props are used.
Written assessment of understanding	Student demonstrates a clear understanding of the purpose and implications of the Declaration of Independence.	Student demonstrates a simple understanding of the purpose and implications of the Declaration of Independence	Student demonstrates minimal understanding of the purpose and implications of the Declaration of Independence	Student does not demonstrate a clear understanding of the purpose and implications of the Declaration of Independence

Overall Project Score: _____/16 = _____% = _____