

Let US Teach That For You!

The Shooting at the Bee Hive Saloon

Overview: This activity uses the Bee Hive Saloon located in Frontier Texas! as a teaching tool to help students learn to listen as a critical thinker and accurately report on an event they see on a video.

Objectives

Students will:

1. Watch the video in the Bee Hive Saloon.
2. Analyze and recognize the differing view points of the characters.
3. Quantify the information and retell it in a newspaper story.

Materials

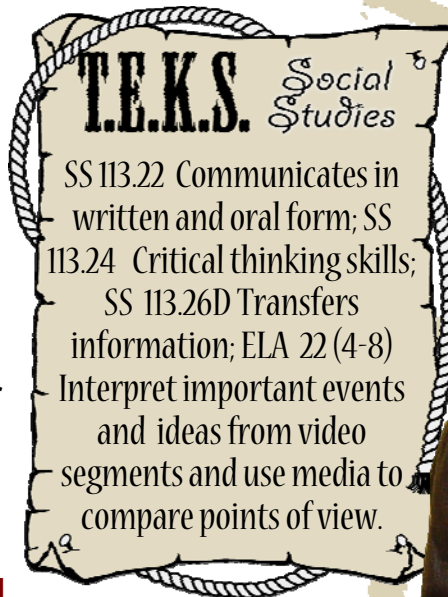
Educational Materials Provided by Frontier Texas!

Bee Hive Saloon exhibit

Teaching Strategy

Pre-visit introduction

1. Tell the students that they will be reporting on an incident that they hear about in a saloon and that it will be their job to get the story straight.
2. Give them the following information about newspaper writing: A good newspaper story must fulfill certain requirements to be factual, yet interesting to the reader.
 - 1) Who? Tell the reader the people involved in the story and something about them.
 - 2) What? Tell the reader about the events that took place as part of the story.
 - 3) When? Tell the reader when the events took place.
 - 4) Where? Tell the reader the location of the events.
 - 5) Why? Tell the reader why this story is interesting and worth reading.



Museum Instruction

1. Listen to the stories told inside the Bee Hive saloon about a shooting.
2. Try to determine the facts as told as hear-say evidence and by one of the participants in the scene and compare/contrast the facts as they are presented to the newspaper reporter.
3. Recognize and analyze differing view points of the characters who tell the story of the Bland shooting. Quantify the information.

Post-Visit Synthesis Activity

1. Now it is your time to write a newspaper article yourself. Pretend that you are a reporter for the *Taylor County Tattler*. Retell the story of the Billy Bland shooting for your newspaper. Be accurate and concise. Make your reader both informed and entertained.

Student Assessment

Assess the depth of research and the information presented in the story by noting the number of different facts presented.

Enrichment Activity

Students may search for stories in newspaper archives through the public library and compare/contrast the stories to the one presented at Frontier Texas!.

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