

Reading Pictures! Grade 7 and 8

Pre-production

Pictures can teach a lot. Students are often very comfortable learning from them, while text may prove more difficult. Show students a series of pictures on a given theme or topic, i.e. War and Remembrance, Media, History. Discuss responses, with attention to intended content. Teach how to add text to a picture in Adobe PhotoShop Elements, or how to import a picture in Appleworks and add text.

Student Planning

The teacher directs students to a set of links to find appropriate pictures for the theme, unit or strand being covered. Students find pictures and arrange them in a folder.

Production

Students open their pictures in PhotoShop, or import them to Appleworks, then add a paragraph of commentary about each picture. The writing should be a personal reflection on the photo together with some aspect of the content being taught. Once the students have created a number of pictures with responses, they create a pdf slideshow in PhotoShop, or print their Appleworks document.

Example:



Presentation

Students present their slideshows using a data projector or share their printed documents with the class. They may be posted on a bulletin board or used on a school website.

Reflection

After viewing and reading the projects, students critique the work in an oral discussion, then each student reflects on their own work using a rubric/self-evaluation.