

Lesson: Golden Sower Author Study

Grade Level: 3rd Grade

Subject: Reading

Description: This lesson will be used with the 3rd grade classes in conjunction with their reading classes. For this lesson, students will select a Golden Sower nominee from the past 5 years. They will be able choose their selections from any of the categories so they are able to find a book that falls in their reading ability. Upon reading the book, they will use the Resources in Context: Elementary to find information about the author.

Curricular Connection: This lesson will tie into the 3rd graders digital citizenship lessons, teaching them proper use of digital platforms, as well as helping to teach them how to evaluate information.

Student Expectations:

- Students will be able to navigate to the Gale database using a QR code.
- Students will be able to locate their chosen author in said database.
- Students will be able to answer questions about their authors using information only found from on the database.
- Students will be able to cite their sources properly.

Teacher Rolls:

Librarian:

- Introduce, and teach students how to use the database
- Teach students how to cite sources
- Supervise research phase of the unit

Classroom Teacher:

- Introduce Golden Sower
- Supervise student selection
- Supervise reading
- Supervise research phase of the unit

Needed Materials:

- Golden Sower nominee list (classroom teacher)
- Database PowerPoint (Librarian)
- Author Questionnaire (Librarian)

Golden Sower Questions

Name: _____

1: Author's name

2. Book read

3. Where were they born?

When were they born?

Are they still alive? If not, when did they die?

Source:

4. What was their first book?

Source:

5. Do they have children?

What are their names?

Source:

6. Do they have hobbies?

What?

Source:

7. Did they go to college?

Where? If they didn't go, what did they do after they graduated?

Source:

8. Did they have a job before becoming an author?

What?

Source:

9. List at least one more interesting fact about your author.

Source: