

COMPREHENSION LESSON PLAN



Miss Hodder's Lesson Plan for Inferencing

CLASS PERIOD: ENGLISH

OBJECTIVES:

DRAWING INFERENCES SUCH AS INFERRING CHARACTERS' FEELINGS, THOUGHTS AND MOTIVES FROM THEIR ACTIONS, AND JUSTIFYING INFERENCES WITH EVIDENCE

OVERVIEW:

USE LYRICS AS A WAY OF MODELLING HOW TO MAKE INFERENCES.

ACTIVITIES

1) HAVE STUDENTS WRITE DOWN THEIR TOP 5 FAVOURITE SONGS

ASK STUDENTS TO JUSTIFY WHY IT IS THEIR FAVOURITE

CONNECTION: OFTEN LIKE THINGS WE FEEL CONNECTED TO

ASK: WHAT DOES IMPLICIT AND EXPLICIT MEAN?

MODEL: PLAY "DOWN TO THE RIVER" BY BEN CAPLAN

AS IT PLAYS WRITE ON THE BOARD FEELINGS, KEY WORDS, AND CONNECTIONS

AFTER THE SONG IS FINISHED, LOOK AT THE NOTES AND USE THEM AS A BASIS TO MAKE AN INFERENCE. USE THE INFERRING STEMS.

ASSESSMENT:

CAN STUDENTS INDEPENDENTLY MAKE THEIR OWN INFERENCE OF UNKNOWN LYRICS - "OH SISTER" BY CITY AND COLOUR

RESOURCES:

VIDEO AND LYRICS FOR BEN CAPLAN'S SONG "DOWN TO THE RIVER"
LYRICS OF "O' SISTER" BY CITY AND COLOUR
WRITING STEMS FOR INFERENCES

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EXPLICIT VS IMPLICIT MEANING:

**EXPLICIT MEANS:
OBVIOUS, STATED MEANING**

**IMPLICIT MEANS:
NOT DIRECT, HIDDEN OR LAYERED
MEANINGS**

WRITING STEMS FOR INFERENCING:

I THINK... BECAUSE...

MAYBE THIS MEANS...

I'M GUESSING... BECAUSE...

THIS ALLOWS ME TO ASSUME...

I went down to the river
Flowing out onto the sea
On my way to the ocean
Let the spirit swallow me

I got low down in the water
I let the current guide my bones
I got 9 kinds of trouble
I'm just trying to find my way home

Over 20 some years of living
And a thousand wasted days
I have loved a lot of women
Many times I've gone wrong ways
And I came down to the water
For a dip to cleanse my soul
They keep telling me that I'm just a babe
But baby why do I feel so old

This is the verge of a breakthrough
It's a fine line that cannot be bent
And I felt like a river run dry
But I don't know where all of the rainwater went

And I believe we were all dead or dying
But I see different in the blue light
There is no such thing as a dawn or a dusk
It's daylight until it is night

You gotta fight through the dimming
You gotta run into the winds
You gotta rage against the dying of the light
Live for the moment that's left

You gotta fight against the dimming
You gotta run into the winds
You gotta rage against the dying of the light
Live for the moment that's left

Cause there is no such thing as a dying man
We are alive till the moment we're dead
And a drowning man is just a living man
Who hasn't run out of his last bit of breath

I went down to the river
Flowing out onto the sea
On my way to the ocean
Let the spirit swallow me

I got low down in the water
I let the current guide my bones
I got 9 kinds of trouble
I'm just trying to find my way home

Find my way home
Find my way home
Find my way home

Down to the River
Ben Caplan



O' sister

What's wrong with your mind?
You used to be so strong and stable

My sister

What made you fall from grace?
I'm sorry that I was not there to catch you

What have the demons done?
What have the demons done?
With a luminous light that once shined from your eyes
What makes you feel so alone?

Is it the whispering ghost that you fear the most?
But the blackness in your heart, it won't last forever
I know it's tearing you apart but it's a song you can wither

O' sister

Those lines that's in your hands
They're hardened and rough, like a road map of sorrow

My sister

There is a sadness on your face
You're like a motherless child who's longing for comfort

What's running through your veins that's causing you
such pain?
Does it have something to do with the pills they gave to
you?
What is eating at your soul?

Was it the whispering ghost that left you out in the cold?
But the blackness in your heart won't last forever
I know it's tearing you apart but it's a storm you can
wither

Ooh, ooh, ooh, hmm

O' sister

My sister

O' sister

My sister

Name: _____

Date: _____

Drawing Meaning from Lyrics

My favourite song(s) are/is:

We love music because:

My absolute favourite song is: _____

I love it because: (think of the beat, where you first listened to it, who you were with, what it reminds you of, what the lyrics mean to you, etc)

I believe the lyrics mean: (this is where you'll make an inference - don't forget to use our inference making writing stems to help you)

Success Criteria:

- Did I write neatly?
- Did I check for spelling, grammar and punctuation errors?
- Did I express my opinion thoughtfully?
- Did I connect my ideas to past experience and provide evidence?

SUPPORT STRUGGLING READERS

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