

Home Poetry Lesson Plan

Objective: Students will be able to create a poem and a sketch based on their observations of their own home or room.

Supplies:

- Excerpts from Walden
- Powerpoint focused around Thoreau's home(s)
- Where I'm From by George Ella Lyon
- Where I'm From Poetry Template
- Sketch Paper (optional)

Time: Three class periods

Grade Level: 7th Grade ELA

Day One:

1. Class will read excerpt from Walden and discuss Thoreau's details and ideas of home
2. Informative powerpoint on Concord and Walden Pond and how a home can shape a person and their ideas
3. Students will be assigned to draw a sketch of their home or room. Emphasis will be placed on effort and attention to detail rather than perfection and technical skill.

Day Two:

1. Students will read the poem "Where I'm From" by George Ella Lyon
2. We will discuss how the poet uses his five senses to explain her home and uses careful observations
3. Discuss the Where I'm From Poetry template
4. Students will begin to create their poems

Day Three:

1. Students will finish their poems.
2. Students will get a large piece of construction paper and transcribe their poem there while also attaching the sketch of their home.