

Lesson Plan Title

Geologic Time Era Tableaus

Grade Level

8th

Subject Area

Science

MSCCRS

E.8.7.1: Use scientific evidence to create a timeline of Earth's history that depicts relative dates from index fossil records and layers of rock.

Art Form

Drama

MSCCR Creative Arts Standards

TH:Cr3.1.8: Implement and refine a planned technical design using simple technology during the rehearsal process for devised or scripted drama/theatre work.

TH:Pr6.1.8a: Perform a rehearsed drama/theatre work for an audience.

Duration

1 hour

Materials

N/A

Objectives

TLW review the Geologic time scale.

TLW create a tableau.

Vocabulary

Geologic Time scale

Precambrian

Paleozoic

Mesozoic

Cenozoic

Tableau

Lesson Description

1. TTW begin the lesson by reviewing the Geologic time era with the students. TTW ask the learners to describe each era and the major things that happened in each one.
2. Once we have finished reviewing, TTW explain that we will be creating tableaux. TTW explain that a tableau is a frozen picture. That you cannot move in the picture.
3. TTW give some pointers when completing Tableaus.
 - a. Levels- Make sure to have different levels, such as standing or sitting.
 - b. Emotions- Make sure your face displays great emotion.
 - c. Positioning- make sure your body faces towards the audience.
4. TTW have the learners practice with her the different techniques that she just taught.
5. TTW explain that each group will be given one Era from the geologic time scale, and they must create a tableau that represents the assigned Era. TTW explain that it can be the animals, environment or the depiction of the mass extinction. They can use anything to help us realize the Era they are portraying.
6. TTW give the learners 20 minutes to practice their tableaux. TTW walk around the room and help each group if needed.
7. TLs will perform their tableaux, and the audience will try to guess the Era they are portraying.

Recommended Resources

Tableau Video- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o1boaw-CnE0>

Geologic Time Era (for your review)- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rWp5ZpJAIAE>

Extended Learning Activities

N/A

Sources

Make sure to let your students who are nervous know that it's ok if it's not perfect. That we are all learning and growing from this experiment.

Tips

This is an end of the unit lesson, so TLs are all very familiar with the different Eras.

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