

Progress

Activity One: New Vocabulary

Sunshine State Standards:

LA.4.1.6.3

Read the first section aloud to your students. As a class, list the vocabulary words that the children do not recognize. For example: collective, neoclassical, grandeur, restoration, nonprofit, incorporating, municipalities, and philanthropists. Help students understand these words by using context clues from the passage or if necessary, use a dictionary. Continue this activity by having each student fold one sheet of paper into fourths. In box one, write a definition using the context clues from the passage. In box two, illustrate the vocabulary word. In box three, write a sentence using the vocabulary word. Finally, in the last box have children create a definition in their own words.

	Definition	Illustration
Sentence	A definition using their own words.	

Activity Two: Athletes in PBC!

Sunshine State Standards:

L.A.4.2.2.5

Read the section, “The Sporting Life.” This section includes many celebrity athletes in our area. Choose one of these celebrities to research. Use any resources available at your school (encyclopedia, internet, biographies, library, etc.)

In your report, make sure to include the highlights of their career. To help students become more aware of their celebrity athlete encourage them to dress up as their celebrity for the oral presentation.

Activity Three: Changes in Buildings

Sunshine State Standards:

LA.B.1.2.1.5.1

Read the passage titled “Introduction 1980-2009” aloud to your students. Have your students reread the passage and create a graphic organizer for the prompt in activity two. This will help them keep their writing on topic, and organize their ideas/details. After, completion move onto activity two for this section.

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Activity Four: Journey through Palm Beach County

Sunshine State Standards:

SS.B.2.2

Imagine you were taking a journey through Palm Beach County after the year 1980. Describe the sites you would encounter along the way. Use detailed examples from the passage titled, "Introduction 1980-2009". Be sure to include details from the following cities: West Palm Beach, Boca Raton, Delray Beach, Boynton Beach and Palm Beach Gardens. Use your graphic organizer as an outline to this writing exercise.

Activity Five: PBC/Population: Growing Diversity

Sunshine State Standards:

MA.4.A.4.2

The population in Palm Beach County is growing in diversity. Using the section titled, "Population: Growing Diversity" have children create a circle graph which displays the racial mix from the 2007 Census Bureau estimates.

Activity Six: Newspapers

Sunshine State Standards:

LA.4.1.7.4

SS.A.1.2

Please read-aloud the passage "Communication: Newspapers". Discuss with your students how the economy affected the local newspapers and staff. Continue the discussion by comparing the present economy, and the effects the economy has had in their personal lives.

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