ELA activities: Grade 7

Monday(day 1): Read for a few minutes a book of your choice.

-We are going to talk about memoirs for the next little while.

**Memoir**- Retell an event in one’s life.

Examples: a trip you took, game you played, a pet,

-Generally, a memory.

-Draw a brain and start making a list of all your favorite memories inside it. You don’t have to add detail, just write what the memory is. (ex)When I went to Disney.

Day 2 (Tuesday)

Read the following short story and answer the questions to the best of your ability. You will find it here:

<https://mrperrysclassroom.files.wordpress.com/2019/02/the-house-on-mango-street.pdf>

Louis and His cousin and his other cousin. Page 23

1. What is this particular memoir about?
2. Do you think Louie’s cousin might have gotten away with stealing the yellow Cadillac if he had not gone back to Mango Street to give his family a ride in the car? Why or why not. Support your answer.
3. Why do you think Esperanza focus more on the car ride rather than the cousin being arrested?
4. After Louie’s cousin is arrested for stealing the yellow car, why do Esperanza and his family all wave to him as the police drive him away? Why aren’t they upset he has been arrested?

Day 3(Wednesday)

**1.** Write a 3-paragraph journal entry: ( first paragraph: Hook me in. 2nd: Support your ideas 3. Conclude)

-Looking at your brain map choose a memory to tell me about and write about it.

1. **Read: Cathy Queen of Cats page 12**

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-Answer the following questions:

what makes this a memoir?

-Why do you think the person wanted to tell this story?

-How does the first couple of lines attempt to hook you into their story? What stands out?

Day 4 (Thursday)

1. Find a book and read for 15 minutes.
2. On a sheet of paper, I want you to make a list as many 6-word memoir of your life as you can(no more than 6 words).

Ex. They attacked us by the 100’s.

I thought I was going to die!

He was out of bed again

My worst nightmare actually came true!

1. Look at the Narrative hook hand out. Read through that and highlight examples that stand out to you.

<https://www.mtnbrook.k12.al.us/cms/lib/AL01901445/Centricity/Domain/676/Narrative%20Hook.pdf>

b. Look at your memoir map and start writing as many different hooks as you can for potential memoirs using the examples on the sheet.

(ex) I want to write about my dog:

-I love my dog, but she is the biggest pain (example 1)

-Ouch is all I can say!(example 2)

-Well, you want to know why my dog drives me crazy. Get comfy cause I have a story for you.(example 3)