

Fifth Grade Advanced Differentiation in Literacy

❖ Memoir Study and Memoir Writing

➤ = Learning Targets for Advanced Learners & (State Standard)

Text:

- *Why was Davy Crockett King of the Wild Frontier?* by Josh Clark
- *Boy: Tales of Childhood* by Roald Dahl
- *Notes of a Translator's Son* by Joseph Bruchac
- *Luscus* by Maureen Boyle

Unit 3 Lessons:

1. What is Truth?
 - I can define and prove with real world examples the concept of 'truth'.
 - I can differentiate fact from fiction by comparing two accounts.
2. Positioning and its Relationship to Truth
 - I can infer the author's positioning on a subject using text-based evidence.
 - I can analyze how the author is trying to position me (the reader) based on evidence in the text.
3. Hyperbole and Exaggeration
 - I can relate the author's use of hyperbole and exaggeration to their positioning toward the subject.
 - I can analyze and infer how an author's use of hyperbole and exaggeration positions me.
4. Figurative Language and Positioning
 - I can identify and relate figurative language (e.g., metaphor, simile, personification, hyperbole, etc.) to the role of positioning and truth in the memoir genre.
5. Linear and Nonlinear Structure in Memoir
 - I can analyze the structure of memoirs and relate this to positioning and truth.
6. Connecting Motifs to Thematic Concepts in Memoir
 - I can identify significant motifs and relate them to thematic concepts.
 - I can relate a thematic concept in a memoir to the role of truth in the genre.
7. Using Dialectical Thinking to Prepare for Discussion
 - I can think dialectically to prepare for the opening question of the Discussion Groups.
 - I can prove with evidence my perspective on the opening question by gathering text-based quotes and summaries from many different memoirs studied.
8. Discussion Groups
 - I can participate in a Discussion Group practice fair-minded thinking with my fellow readers.
 - I can reflect on my performance in the seminar and set a goal for next time.
9. Relating Back to the Universal Theme of Change
 - I can relate the universal theme of change to the role of truth in memoir.