STORY TELLING USING ANISHNAABEG LEGENDS

GRADE LEVEL: 9-12

SUBJECT AREA: Language Arts, Science, History

GOAL: To share learning experiences through stories for personal growth.

OBJECTIVES: 1. Students will learn to express themselves orally.
2. Students will recognize learning through stories/legends.

CULTURAL CONCEPT: The relationship with the environment and traditional history can teach important traditional values.

CULTURAL LESSON:
Prepare the classroom prior to students entering the classroom. Form a circle with chairs, dim the lights and put on the Lakota flute music (softly playing for background music). Give a brief introduction into the art of storytelling and its value and uses. Explain the type of music that is to be used. The storytelling should be done by teachers. Tell the legend of Lakota Flute Music (legend explains the love story that influenced the construction of the flute by a gift from the woodpecker).

STUDENT ACTIVITIES: 1. Have a classroom discussion on "The Seven Grandfathers." (the values and gifts)
2. Have a classroom discussion on "How the Red Headed Woodpecker Came to Be".
3. Have student share (in circle) personal experiences, including one or more of the Seven Grandfathers.
4. Assignment: Independent - Have class write a short paragraph sharing a personal experience or a self development story, displaying any learning/values teachings.
5. Dramatize a story

6. Circle for Sharing

EVALUATION ACTIVITIES

1. Participation

2. Oral presentation

3. Short paragraph on traditional values.

RESOURCES:

Lakota Flute Music
Seven Grandfathers - Posters
Legends: "The Legend of the Flute Music" and "The Red Head Woodpecker

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