WV TREE Resource:

English Language Arts

Resource Name: Sharing the Story of Your Own Community

Grade Level(s): [ ]  5th Grade [ ]  6th Grade [ ]  7th Grade [x]  8th Grade [ ]  9th Grade

 [ ]  10th Grade [ ]  11th Grade [ ]  12th Grade

Resource Summary/Overview: In this lesson from Teaching Tolerance, which takes place after students have watched the first episode of PBS’s America by the Numbers, students conduct research, interview community members, analyze the demographics of their community, and make predictions about how their community will vote in the next presidential election.

Length: Four or more 45-minute class periods

Domain(s) Addressed: [ ]  Reading [x]  Writing [ ]  Speaking/Listening [ ]  Language

West Virginia College- and Career-Readiness Standards:

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| ELA.8.26 | Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration. |
| ELA.8.27 | Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation (e.g., MLA or APA). |

Delivery Method(s): [x]  Direct Instruction [x]  Whole Group [ ]  Pairs
 [x]  Small Group [ ]  Computer-based [ ]  Individual
 [ ]  Other (explain): Click here to enter text.

Resource Materials: [ ]  Text(s) [x]  Handouts [x]  Media [ ]  Rubric

 [x]  Other (explain): Instructional plan

Resource Purpose(s): [ ]  Engage/Activate [x]  Introduce Topic/Skill [ ]  Review Topic/Skill

 [x]  Formative Assessment [ ]  Summative Assessment

 [ ]  Reinforce Skill [ ]  Enrichment [ ]  Intervention/Support

 [ ]  Other (explain): Click here to enter text.

Instructor Notes: The lesson plan is available at <http://www.tolerance.org/lesson/sharing-story-your-own-community>. Internet-connected devices will be needed at times during this lesson.