

21st Century Lesson Plan # 1

Grade level: 7th

Topic: Avoiding Substance Abuse

Objective(s):

Using *Big 6* skills, students will research one type of drugs and produce a brochure “advertising” the reasons for avoiding its use.

Big6 Skills:

1. Task Definition - Select drug topic / produce an informational brochure discouraging its use.
2. Information Seeking Strategies – Selection of sources made by librarian and teacher
3. Location and Access – “Finding” information strategies modeled and assimilated.
4. Use of Information – Students extract relevant information and save it in Microsoft Word.
5. Synthesis – Students create a brochure using the gathered information, putting it in their own words and citing their sources. Students present the information to their peers.
6. Evaluation – Teacher grades the presentations and brochures, using a rubric.

Materials Required:

- Student packet with instructions and models for the project
- Chart listing elements for the finished brochure
- Cart of books about addictive drugs
- Computer lab / Microsoft Publisher / Microsoft Word
- Links to topic-related websites and eBooks located on library homepage
- Printer and paper

Time Required:

Four, 40-minute class periods

Description of activities:

Students choose topic, receive packets, come to the library, are given instructions on using research strategies, research their topics, take “notes” and save them onto a Word document, find graphics and save them, synthesize notes using Microsoft Publisher into a brochure using their own words, cite their sources, print their brochures, present their brochures and receive a grade.

Assessment:

Students present their brochures to the class and teacher assesses grades using a point-system rubric.