



HUMANITIES AND THE SUNSHINE STATE

TEACHING FLORIDA'S CLIMATES

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“TAKING IT BACK TO THE CLASSROOM” ACTION PLANS

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Grade(s): K-8, Media

Subject: E/LA. I am on the Specialist Wheel, with the Computer Lab. I see all K-5 student daily and schedule Middle School class weekly.

Idea 1: Honest Hopefulness + Informed Optimism = Effective Confidence (Positivity)

Book Titles include I am Enough, Byers, G., Word Collector, Reynolds, P., Little Engine that Could, Ish, Reynolds, P., Last Stop on Market Street, Because Amelia Smiled, Extraordinary Jane, Harrison, H., Pass it On, Henn, S. Spin, Janni, R.

These picture books exemplify Idea 1. Younger students I can read the books to them, they can draw pictures. Older kids could compare and contrast “lessons learned”.

Idea 2: Political Cartoons. Grades 3-5 and 6-8

Gina gave ideas on our handout. Many lessons and ideas available on-line. Use some political ads from *Chronicling America* that deal with climate and compare or create with today's issues.

Idea 3: Little Ice Age. Grades 5-8

Show You Tube video by YA Author John Greene, [Climate Change, Chaos, and the Little Ice Age](#). Discuss this “climate variation” and its impact. Have students discuss variations, but add to it the way human activity has exacerbated today's climate variation. Middle school, read the article from qz.com - [“What the 17th century's “Little Ice Age” teaches us about climate change.](#)

Idea 4: Everglades Literacy

[Evergladesfoundation.org](#). Lesson plans are available for K-8 (and high school) to expand and educate students on Everglades Literacy.

Idea 5: Teaching Overconsumption

She's Wearing a Dead Bird on her Head, by K. Lasky. The overconsumption of natural resources, in this case, herons in the Everglades, wiped out the heron population. The Massachusetts Audubon Society was formed because of this "fashion statement".

Idea 6: [Chronicling America](#)

Key West Citizen, March 4, 1947. 6-8. Students read the article Amphibious "Widgeon" Airplane to be used in Protecting Wild Life on Keys and in Everglades. Student will create ways to protect wildlife laws, fire detection, and Biological reconnaissance.