Wilmington Massacre and Coup D'etat of 1898 NEH Summer Institute Unit Plan

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Overview: Students will be studying the events of the Wilmington Massacre and Coup d'etat of 1898, and the aftermath of those, through a rhetorical lens. Students will come into this unit with a familiarity of ethos, pathos, and logos. The unit consists of analyzing rhetoric that led to the massacre such as newspapers, speeches, and political propaganda. By the end of the unit, they will have an understanding of the events of 1898, the reasoning behind those events, and the lasting effects through to the 21st century.

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Which of your content standards can be addressed with this unit?

Standard 1: RI.11-12.4 - Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text; analyze how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text.

Standard 2: RI.11-12.7 - Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in different media or formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words in order to address a question or solve a problem

Standard 3: W.11-12.1 - Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

Standard 4: W.11-12.5 - Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question

Standard 5: SL.11-12.4 - Present information, findings, and supporting evidence

Culminating Product

How will your students show what they've learned?

Ideas

- history lab
- Socratic seminar
- textbook entry
- documentary
- analytical essay
- photo essay
- offshoot research
- artistic representation
- political cartoon
- creative writing

"How do we find out what is true?"

"Does education always provide us with the truth?"

Persuasive Essay and speech answering one of the following questions:

- "Should uneducated people have the right to vote?"
- "Should convicted felons have the right to vote?"
- "What was the conflict of the Civil War?"
- "Who was at fault for the massacre and coup?"
- "Should the remaining Civil War monuments come down? Why/why not?"
- "What propaganda do we have today? Is it good or bad?"
- "Did the Nazis look at our model of the Jim Crow South to gain ideas for displacement of the Jews?"
- "Should we make reparations for former slave

choice board	descendants?" Did South African Apartheid use the Jim Crow South Model?
Product Assessment How will you assess student learning based on the Culminating Product?	Rubric: 5 sources + works cited page MLA formatting Academic/On-level - 2 page requirement - 25% points off per half page Honors - 3 page requirement - 17% points off per half page
Texts How will students acquire knowledge? Ideas Crow by Barbara Wright Wilmington's Lie by David Zucchino Wilmington on Fire documentary by Christopher Everett When White Supremacists Overthrew a Government by Ranjani Chakraborty via Vox Textbook excerpts Photos Rebecca Felton speech Alexander Manly Editorial Daily Record issues via Digital NC	Crow Different NC textbook entries Excerpts from Wilmington's Lie Photos Felton, Waddell, Manly, etc. speeches White Declaration of Independence (can also make comparison to real declaration) Abraham Galloway Wilmington population by race chart - pg 18 Umfleet https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XVw9UjHPEt8
Classroom Activities How will students interact with the texts and each other to think critically and draw conclusions?	History Labs - positioning students as historians Language Labs - Question: "What words are most appropriate to describe what happened?"
Ideas Observe, Question, Reflect (LOC) National Archives Resources Thinking Like a Historian structured discussion strategies written responses	
Student Considerations "Hard" history and adverse reactions Making it relevant Multilingual students Learning differences	Hassan Jeffries' Ted Talk - Hard Histories Student survey Parent letter

Vocabulary:

- -Coup d'etat
- -Propaganda
- -Persuasive appeals
- -Thesis

- -Counterargument
- -Hook
- -White supremacy
- -Reconstruction
- -Monuments/memorials
- -Confederate vs Union soldiers
- -Denotation and connotation

Prior knowledge needed for students (to be taught before unit):

Knowledge of Declaration of Independence Ethos, Pathos, and Logos Connotation and Denotation

Final Assessment:

Persuasive/Argumentative Essay - Rubric

Primary sources are the raw materials of history — original documents and objects that were created at the time under study. They are different from secondary sources, accounts that retell, analyze, or interpret events, usually at a distance of time or place. Considering the sources that have been provided, prepare an argumentative or persuasive essay choosing one of the prompts provided by your teacher.

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Persuasive Essay - read to the class

- You will make your original copy of the essay in your Google drive as a Google doc??
- DO NOT COPY AND PASTE FROM A SOURCE! I WANT THIS TO BE YOUR THOUGHTS AND YOUR WORDS. IF YOU COPY & PASTE, YOU WILL RECEIVE A ZERO FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT!
- FOLLOW THE RUBRIC BELOW!

RUBRIC - ARGUMENTATIVE/Persuasive ESSAY

- 1) Two pages 50 points (12.5 points per ½ page I am not looking at anything less than ½ page)
- 2) Five sources 20 points (four points each)
- 3) stats/facts from outside sources w/ quotation marks to indicate the words are not your own 10 points
- 4) Quotation marks 5 points
- 5) Title, formatting and other information 5 points
- 6) Grammar 5 points for each 10 errors
- 7) Persuasive appeals 5 points (ethos, pathos, logos)
- 8) MLA format

Academic	5 points	5 Points	20 Points	30 Points	40 Points	50 Points
grammar						
2 Pages						
5 Sources						
Persuasive Appeals						
Quotation Marks						
MLA format						

Honors	5	5 Points	20 Points	30 Points	40 Points	50 Points
Grammar						
3 Pages						
5 Sources						
Stats/Facts						

Quotation Marks			
Title w/ other info.			

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/197Wy9inmboO4NVS0_Eo6jVczwt7-YI7LOdbtLxVbKGw/edit?usp=sharing - Background Slideshow

Daily Lesson Plans:

Essential Question/ Learning Targets	
Bellwork/Journal	
Agenda	 <u>Student Survey</u> Discussion on "Hard Histories" and the questions in the survey <u>Dr. Hassan Jeffries Ted Talk</u> Bertha Todd statements on talking about these things
Exit Ticket/ Homework	

Essential Question/ Learning Targets	
Bellwork/Journal	Discussion of an essential`` question: "How do we find out what is true?" Have students Think, Pair, Share - write their answers in journal so that we can go back and look at end of the unit.
Agenda	 KWL Chart: Wilmington 1898 Notes on Vocabulary, Important people, and politics at the time (first few slides of 1898 slideshow) Vox Video

Exit Ticket/ Homework	
Essential Question/ Learning Targets	
Bellwork/Journal	
Agenda	 Wilmington before 1898 slides Black excellence in NC Abraham Galloway lesson Video
Exit Ticket/ Homework	
Essential Question/ Learning Targets	
Bellwork/Journal	
Agenda	 Propaganda lesson 1898 history lab Waddell speech Political cartoons

Exit Ticket/ Homework	

Essential Question/ Learning Targets	
Bellwork/Journal	
Agenda	 Comparison lesson of Manly's editorial vs Walton's speech Finding ethos, pathos, and logos within them
Exit Ticket/ Homework	

Essential Question/ Learning Targets	What does it mean to be a patriot? I can identify tone in a text.
Bellwork/Journal	
Agenda	 Tone and persuasion lesson: White Declaration tone vs tone of committee of colored men response Similarities with the real declaration and idea of being Anti-American

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Exit Ticket/ Homework	
Essential Question/ Learning Targets	
Bellwork/Journal	
Agenda	 Slides on the Coup and Massacre - what happened November 10th and 12th? A Day of Blood National History day video
Exit Ticket/ Homework	
Essential Question/ Learning Targets	
Bellwork/Journal	
Agenda	 Lasting impact Comparison of textbook excerpts Voting laws today
Exit Ticket/ Homework	

Essential Question/ Learning Targets	
Bellwork/Journal	
Agenda	 Go over project assignment Lesson on doing research and finding sources Thesis statement review
Exit Ticket/ Homework	
Essential Question/ Learning Targets	
Bellwork/Journal	
Agenda	Decide on topic and begin outline/thesis

Exit Ticket/ Homework	
Essential Question/ Learning Targets	
Bellwork/Journal	
Agenda	Outline and thesis due at end of class
Exit Ticket/ Homework	
Essential Question/ Learning Targets	
Bellwork/Journal	
Agenda	Continued paper writing

Exit Ticket/ Homework	

After giving the backstory (Important people and politics at the time) give students the textbook excerpts and have them put together what happened on November 10th.