

Lesson Plan

Business/Materials	Lesson Objectives			
Kafka, Franz. “Before the Law.”	-Introduce the concept of a word cloud and use to produce a summary of a text			
Warm-up and Objective Discussion				
Warmup: The teacher presents the class with an image of a word cloud from the short story “Before the Law” by Franz Kafka and asks the class to infer what the story is about based on the word cloud. Objective discussion: The teacher will explain how word clouds work according to relative frequencies of words and how we can use them to predict what texts are talking about before reading them. This type of pre-reading exercise can help us read more carefully and can help us in summarizing texts.				
Instruct and Model	☐ R	☐ W	☐ L	☐ S
-The class will read the short text together as a class, stopping occasionally to highlight words that were central to the word cloud. -The teacher will then use student suggestions to write a summary of the text.				
Guided Practice	☐ R	☐ W	☐ L	☐ S
-Students will work in pairs to find a news article and input its contents into a word cloud generator. They will then brainstorm ideas together regarding what the article is about and read the article by themselves.				
Independent Practice	☐ R	☐ W	☐ L	☐ S
-Students will read the article and make an outline based on the word cloud.				
Assessment	☐ R	☐ W	☐ L	☐ S

-Students will produce a summary of the article for grading.