

2016 AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY CALENDAR LESSON PLAN TEMPLATE

Month/Honoree(s): Bennett “Bernie” William Mazyck

Lesson Title: Highest Honors

Grade Level/Course: Elementary 3rd-5th

Subject: Social Studies

SC Academic Standards and Skills Addressed:

Social Studies

3-1.3 Explain interactions between the people and the physical landscape of South Carolina over time, including the effects on population distribution, patterns of migration, access to natural resources, and economic development.

ELA

3I-3.1 Develop a plan of action for collecting relevant information from primary and secondary sources. 3.2 Organize and categorize important information; collaborate to validate or revise thinking; report relevant findings.

3MC-7.1 Compare and contrast diverse texts on the same topic, idea, or concept.

Goals/Lesson Objectives: Research South Carolina’s highest awards- Order of the Silver Crescent and Order of the Palmetto.

Instructional Materials:

- Descriptions of the Order of the Palmetto and Order of the Crescent awards
- Template for each award
- Rubrics for essay
- Research organizers
- Blank comparison graphic organizers

Lesson Progression and Time Frame:

These activities are designed for 30-45 minute periods.

Activity 1: Students will discuss characteristics of a good leader. Then students will make a list or circle map of these characteristics. Next students will think about people they know or have studied that exemplify those qualities. Then students will think pair share with a partner about who they chose and why.

Activity 2: Introduce the Order of the Palmetto and Order of the Crescent awards. Talk with students about the importance and prestige associated with the awards. Then introduce our honoree, Mr. Bernie Mazyck. Afterwards, have separate students into two groups. One group will research the Order of the Palmetto, and one group will research Order of the Crescent. Each group should find the following information:

- When the award began
- What kinds of people receive it
- Qualifications to receive it
- How a person is selected/ nominated
- What benefits go along with it
- Physical description (optional)

Once the research is complete. Students should share and compare their research results.

Activity 3: After their research and discussion, students will write an essay explaining why they believe Mr. Mazyck received or deserves these awards. Students need to make sure they use evidence from the calendar to prove their claim for why he received the awards.

South Carolina's Highest Order essay outline

- First paragraph: Tell about the Order of the Palmetto and Order of the Silver Crescent Awards
- Second paragraph: Tell about Mr. Bennett "Bernie" William Mazyck
- Third paragraph: Why do you think Mr. Mazyck deserved to receive these awards?

Extensions/Differentiation

- Younger students can use the templates to illustrate and "present" someone they know with the awards.
- Older students can write an extension essay about someone they think deserves the award and why.
- Students can create a double bubble map, Venn diagram, or other comparison graphic organizer to compare the two awards.

- Older or advanced students can do further research on another award recipient and make comparisons.
- TECHNOLOGY ENHANCED ESSAY: Have students create an audio recording of their essay using a free app such as Audacity. Then they can create a QR code using a free code generator like QR Stuff <http://www.qrstuff.com/> to include on their essay so that students and/or parents can listen to the essay.

Assessment:

Student writing about why Mr. Mazyck deserves the award.

[Informative-Explanatory Essay Rubric](#)

Helpful Websites

Award descriptions and other information

- <http://governor.sc.gov/EXECUTIVEOFFICE/Pages/Awards.aspx>
- <http://www.sciway.net/hist/sc-order-of-the-palmetto.html>

PHOTO/ IMAGES of the Order of the Palmetto

- <http://www.columbiaframeshop.com/framed-order-of-the-palmetto/>
- <http://ccesweb.cces.org/Lee%20Order%20of%20the%20Palmetto/certificate2.jpg>
- http://inyourhonorllc.com/yahoo_site_admin/assets/images/Order_of_the_Palmetto_-_NEW_-_with_Copyright.76172102.jpg

Photo/Images of the Order of the Silver Crescent

- <https://www.flickr.com/photos/dougandme/14263380716>

Comparison Charts and Organizers

- Venn Diagram <http://www.timvandevall.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Venn-Diagrams-5.pdf>
- T-Chart <http://www.timvandevall.com/wp-content/uploads/t-chart-template.pdf>

Research Organizer

- [Order of Palmetto and Order of the Silver Crescent Research Notes Printable](#)
- Essay Map- <http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/essaymap/>

Essay Rubric

[Informative-Explanatory Essay Rubric](#)

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