New Jersey Women's History

Middle School Lesson Plan

Women in Sports: Newspaper Project

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Grade Level	Upper Elementary/Middle School
Core Unit of Study	New Jersey Woman Athletes
NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards	Standard No. 6.1.A.11 Indicator: Summarize information in written, graphic, and oral formats.  New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards Website
Objectives	<ol> <li>Identify the parts of a newspaper.</li> <li>Write a newspaper article.</li> <li>Create a comic strip.</li> <li>Design a puzzle.</li> <li>Publish a sports newspaper.</li> </ol>
Materials	Copies of local newspapers  Pencils/pens  Composition paper  computer

Procedures	1. Ask students if they have read a newspaper or get a newspaper at home.
	2. Show the copy of a local newspaper, and discuss the parts (articles, comic strips, puzzles).
	3. Show the sports section and ask if the students notice anything about the featured stories and athletes. Discuss how women and men are featured in the articles and pictures.
	4. The students will work in groups to create a sports newspaper featuring New Jersey women athletes.
	5. The students will research women athletes from New Jersey, using websites, encyclopedias, and books.
	6. Each group will include articles, puzzles, and comic strips featuring the women athletes.
	7. The group will create a rough draft of the newspaper.
	8. Students will edit and revise the newspaper.
	9. Students will publish the newspaper using a computer.
Assessment of Student Performance	Students will be assessed on all parts of the newspaper. This will include the rough draft, revisions, and final copy. Each section will be graded using a rubric created by the teacher.
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