

Objective

By the end of this lesson, Jordan will have a deeper understanding of Edgar Allan Poe's literary themes, contributions to various subjects, and how his works can be interpreted through different lenses, including art, music, and history. Jordan will also engage in creative and analytical thinking through a variety of activities that enhance his appreciation for literature.

Materials and Prep

- Notebook and pens/pencils for writing
- Art supplies (colored pencils, markers, paper)
- Access to a computer or device for research
- Musical instrument (if available) or access to music streaming
- Physical space for movement activities
- Printouts or summaries of Edgar Allan Poe's major works

Before starting the lesson, familiarize yourself with Edgar Allan Poe's biography and his major works such as "The Raven," "The Tell-Tale Heart," and "The Fall of the House of Usher."

Activities

• Creative Writing: Poe-inspired Short Story

Jordan will write a short story inspired by Poe's themes of mystery and the macabre. Encourage him to use vivid imagery and a suspenseful tone, similar to Poe's style.

• Art Project: Illustrate a Scene

Choose a favorite scene from one of Poe's stories and create an illustration. This can be a drawing, painting, or digital art piece that captures the mood and setting of the scene.

• Music Exploration: Compose a Poe-Inspired Song

Jordan can write lyrics based on Poe's themes or create a melody that reflects the emotions found in his works. If he plays an instrument, he can compose a short piece of music.

• Physical Education: Thematic Movement

Engage in a movement activity that reflects the themes of Poe's works. For example, create a "mood walk" where Jordan walks in different styles to express various emotions (e.g., fear, joy, sadness).

• History Connection: Poe's Impact on Literature

Research and create a timeline of Edgar Allan Poe's life and his influence on the genre of horror and mystery. Discuss how his work paved the way for future authors.

• Science Discussion: The Psychology of Fear

Explore the science behind fear and anxiety. Discuss why Poe's works evoke such strong emotions and the psychological effects of reading horror literature.

Talking Points

- **Art:** "How can we visually represent the emotions in Poe's stories?"
- **English:** "What literary devices does Poe use to create suspense?"
- **History:** "How did the historical context of Poe's time influence his writing?"
- **Math:** "Can we find patterns in the number of stanzas and lines in Poe's poems?"
- **Music:** "What emotions do you think Poe's works would evoke if set to music?"
- **Physical Education:** "How can movement express the themes of fear and suspense?"
- **Science:** "What happens in our brain when we experience fear while reading?"
- **Social Studies:** "How do different cultures interpret themes of fear and death in literature?"