

Differentiation strategies – Secondary English example

Lesson	Description
component	
Differentiation	Content, Process and Product
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	Stage 4: Novel Study: Characterisation
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Subject	English
Outcomes	A student:
	• thinks imaginatively, creatively, interpretively and critically about information, ideas and
	arguments to respond to and compose texts EN4-5C.
Content	Students learn to:
statement	 compose texts using alternative, creative and imaginative ways of expressing ideas,
	recognising, valuing and celebrating originality and inventiveness
	engage in wide reading of self-selected texts for enjoyment and share responses
	individually, in pairs and/or in small groups in a variety of relevant contexts, including
	digital and face-to-face contexts.
Purpose	To respond to a text by creating an original representation of a character and to reflect on the
of lesson	influence of context.
Strategy(ies)	Core strategies
	Students will:
	 create a Character box from the novel study around a central idea.
	choose a character and develop a detailed character profile considering the five
	elements of characterisation: appearance, thoughts/feelings, actions/behaviours,
	relationships and motives.
	 represent each element of the character using an object, image or audio. This may include literal or metaphorical representation.
	 choose a quote from the text as evidence to support each element.
	 present their Character box (which may also be a representation) to peers. This may
	be in the form of a short oral, digital or multimodal presentation.
	Differentiation strategies
	 Ensure students have access to novels, picture books, film, poetry, graphic novels at different levels of language complexity.
	Students choose a character from a novel of their own selection around a central
	idea.
	 Introduce and encourage the use of metalanguage and metaphor to represent elements of characterisation.
	Student reflection
	How is my representation different to my peers and why?
	How has my context influenced my response to the characters?
	What has this activity taught me about the way that character is developed in
	literature?
Resources	Chosen or self-selected text.
	Should be selected text.