

English Through Stories Eight-Week Timeline

Materials:

Stories From Lake Wobegone (LW)—out of print—students are loaned a copy of the book and are responsible for returning it

Clear Speech (CS)

Films—(Material available for *Breaking Away*, *Bagdad Café*, *Smoke*, *Moonstruck* . Work in progress on *Catch Me If You Can* and *One Fine Day*.)

Songs and Ballads: Material available for: “What a Wonderful World” by Sam Cooke, “Holy Cow” performed by Lee Dorsey, “Love Hurts” performed by Gram Parsons and Emmylou Harris, “It’s in his Kiss” performed by Betty Everett, “A Week in a Country Jail” performed by Tom T. Hall, “Harper Valley PTA” performed by Jeanette Riley and the Ballad of Forty Bucks” performed by Tom.T. Hall.

Songs for the thematic unit on Woody Guthrie include “So Long”, “I Ain’t Got No Home”, “Talking Dust Bowl Blues” and “pretty Boy Floyd.” Songs for the thematic unit on Stephen Foster include “Hard Times Come Again No More”, “Camptown Races”, “My Old Kentucky Home” and “Beautiful Dreamer”

Video recording –Excerpts from Monologist Bill Cosby’s “Himself”

Storytelling materials—Photocopies

Week One:

- Introduction to the class
- CS—Chapter one syllables
- Chapter 3—LW “Bruno the Fishing Dog”
- Ballad “Harper Valley PTA”

Week Two:

- Pronunciation—Spelling and pronunciation—Photocopies and Clear Speech chapters two and three
- Phoneme check (office hours)
- LW—A Day at the Circus with Mazumbo
- Bill Cosby Video
- Song
- LW—The Lake Wobegone Cave

Week Three

- LW Starting the Car in Winter
- Pronunciation—Schwa –CS Chapter four---photocopies
- Song
- Questions—Photocopies and game
- Quiz
- Storytelling—Bad guys and girls

Week Four:

- Film
- Activities and follow-up based on the film
- Syllable stress CS Chapter five. Photocopies
- Introduction to fieldwork presentation assignment

Week Five:

- Father Emils's Starry Night
- Woody Guthrie Unit including storytelling activity and songs
- Fieldwork Presentation
- Quiz
- Ballad
- CS Chapter five and six—Word stress

Week Six

- LW-Mr. Turnblad Makes his Dream Come True
- LW-Uncle Ed The Norwegian Bachelor Farmer
- Vocabulary and listening quiz
- Storytelling activity
- Introduction to "Your Story"

Week Seven

- LW Ella Anderson's Sunset Years
- Presentations—"Your Story"
- Film and activities associated with the Film
- CS Linking, sibilants, continuants and stops—selections from chapters 10, and 11
- Quiz
- Pronunciation final (office hours)

Week Eight:

- Voicing and Vowel length—CS and photocopies
- Activity—cross cultural miss-communication
- Michigan Aural
- Film—Iron and Silk
- Stephen Foster songs and stories