



### **Entry Document**

Your mission if you choose to accept...

In the 21st Century global culture, students must be able to decipher and create knowledge using high order thinking skills individually and in collaboration teams.



Your important task is to develop a standards-focused PBL unit or mini unit that incorporates these skills (rigor) in a real world context (relevance) that supports (relationships) student's growth.

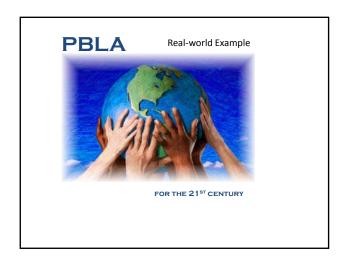
## **Learning Targets**

- Develop understanding of PBL components in connection to current teaching practices.
- Build knowledge of the book as a resource.

### **Needs to Know**

In small groups, brainstorm a list of needs to know that you have in order to accomplish you mission: Develop a Standards-Focused Project Based Learning Unit or Mini Unit.



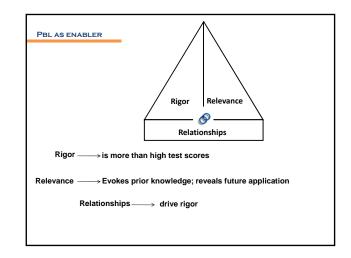


## What and Why of PBL

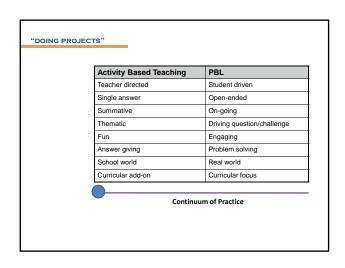
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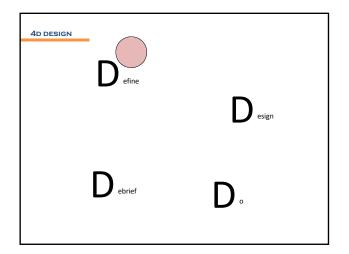


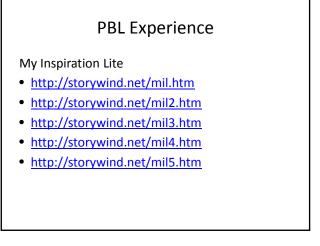
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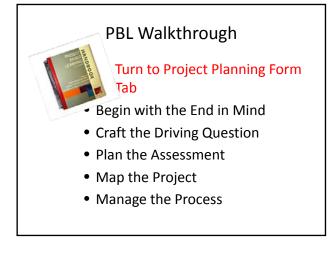


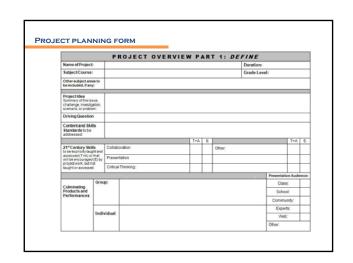


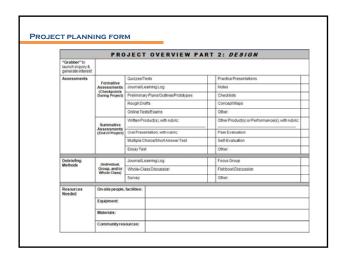


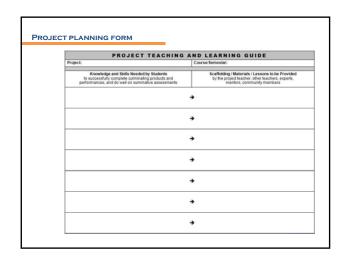


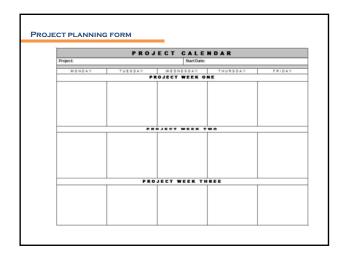


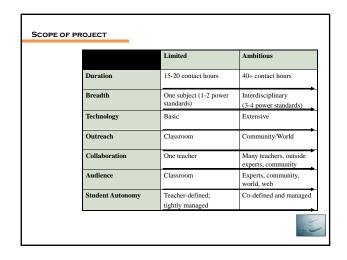


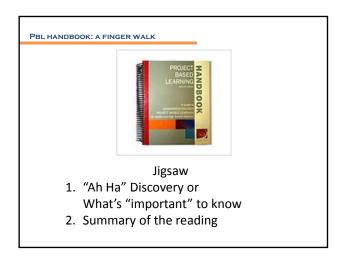


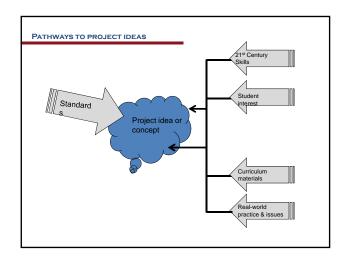












#### PROJECT IDEAS/CONCEPTS: A FEW EXAMPLES

Students function as a research team determining the most reliable product brands for consumers to purchase. The teams choose a product and determine which qualities are the most important for consumers. These qualities must be testable. The teams choose three examples of the selected product, create a hypothesis and design and perform an experiment to test it. The teams exchange testing protocols and products with another group and embark on a second round of testing to compare results, which they discuss in a PowerPoint presentation to an audience.

Students work in groups to design and construct a ballistic device that launches an object in a flight path that follows a parabola. They use low cost materials (PVC pipe, plywood, rubber bands, etc.) to build the device, which must be capable of repeated firings. Students participate in multiple tests and use the data they record to redesign their device if needed. Each team makes an oral presentation using PowerPoint slides to summarize their findings.

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Students read a book of their choosing from a list of books that have been banned at some time in the U.S., and discuss their books in peer reading groups. They write a persuasive essay, in the form of a letter, about whether or not their book should be banned at their school. To culminate the project, students stage a mock trial to dramatize issues of free speech and the role of censorship.

Students act as "set designers" for a TV reality show who need to propose a working ecosystem for an artificial biosphere. Each team is assigned a particular ecosystem: a rain forest, a desert, fresh water ponds and swamps, tundra, grasslands, coniferous forest, and a deciduous forest. Students conduct research on their ecosystem as they learn about the characteristics of all ecosystems and build understanding of what makes a balanced ecosystem work. In preparation for an oral presentation of their proposals, student groups create detailed posters and a written report.

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Students become marketing teams for major food corporations who are asked to review their corporation's choice of an archetypal character to sell their product (Puritan Oil, Calumet Baking Soda, Marlboro cigarettes, Aunt Jemima syrup, etc.). Students research the historical features of their group's archetype and then determine if that archetype is appropriate for the values of modern America and attractive to consumers. Each team presents its findings and recommendations to a panel of community members.

## **PBL Preplanning**

· Identifying and explore units for project ideas



### Wrap Up

- Register as a user at www.leadingpbl.org
- Read Getting Started on the site.
- · Register with Skype
- Bring back 1-2 project ideas
- Develop an elevator pitch
  - What do students need to know, understand, and be able to do?
  - How does this project engage students in the learning targets?

# Project Idea Exchange

Make your best elevator

- Include student needs based on standards
- What will they do to meet those needs?



### WEB-BASED RESOURCES

- www.novelapproachpbl

- ... On-line project libraries
- http://www.pbl-online.org/
- tp://pathways.ohiorc.org/
- vw.wested.org/pblnet/exemplary\_projects.html

Day 2

## **Developing Driving Questions**



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## **Planning Questions**

### **Starting Point for Unit and Lesson Planning**

- What should students know, understand, and be able to do?
- How will students demonstrate what they know?

### **During Development of Unit and Lesson Planning**

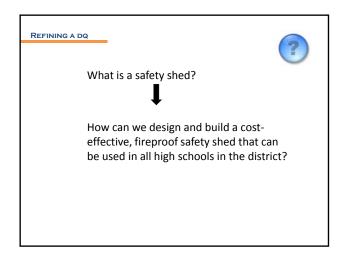
- What will you do for students who do not succeed?
- What will you do for students who already know the unit?

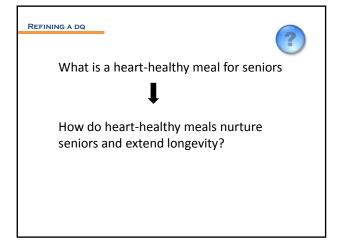
### A DRIVING QUESTION IS

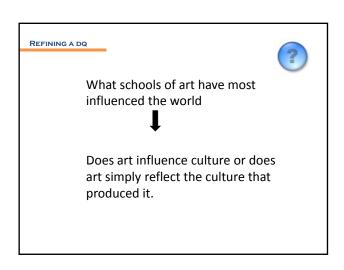
- Provocative
- Open-ended
- Authentic
- Concrete
- Relevant and rigorous
- Requires core knowledge to answer
- ■Requires 21st Century Skills complete

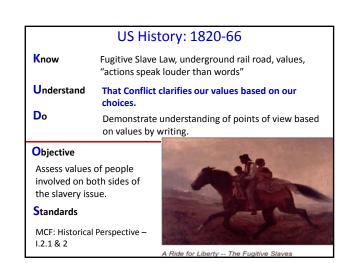
  - Communication
     Collaboration
     Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

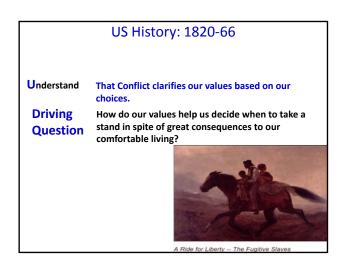
Design tip: A project can be shaped by a challenge statement, an investigation, a community issue or student interest











# Exploring Writer's Voice

- Concept: Understand that authors use voice to create interesting writing or communication.
- Driving Question
   How does author voice capture our interests and desire to read and know more?

### Big Ideas/Universal Truths

From Jay McTighe:

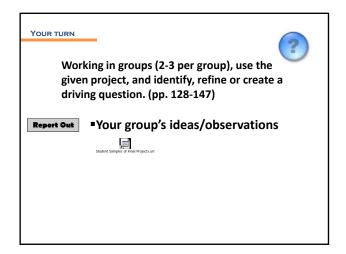
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Acceptance/Rejection Continuity
Adaptation Cooperation
Aging/Maturity Courage
Balance Culture
Change/Continuity Cycles

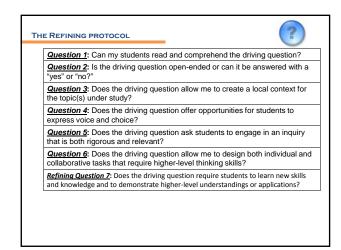
Challenge Defense/Protection

Communities Discovery
Connections Diversity

### **Driving Questions**

- Social Studies:
  - Who were the best leaders of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century?
  - What is the price of "progress"?
- · Math:
  - How can we use the principles of probability to assess the state lottery system?
  - Is it better to buy or lease a car?
- Science:
  - What are we made of?
  - · Should we porduce genetically engineered foods?
- English:
  - What is "good writing"?
  - How do we persuade others?





## Assessments In-Depth

- Rubrics
- · Performance Tasks

