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Grades 6, 7, and 8

Title of Lesson Plan: Starry Night and Counting Stars

Objective : To help students use artwork to think more deeply about the text of song lyrics. This will help them to have a visual cue which will help them to memorize the lyrics, and will give them new meaning to the lyrics as well.

Performance Standard: Anchor Standard #4 - selecting, analyzing and interpreting artistic work for presentation and Anchor Standard #8 - Interpret intent and meaning in artistic work. This will help them to have a visual cue which will help them to memorize the lyrics, and will give them new meaning to the lyrics as well.

https://www.nationalartsstandards.org/

Vocabulary - post impressionist, western art

Materials needed - Smart board to show the artwork
The song “Counting Stars” by One Republic”
A copy of the text of the song

Technology Used - Smart board for showing Starry Night

Step 1: Put the picture of Starry Night up on the projector.
Step 2: Create discussion with these following items:
How does this painting make you feel?
What do you think the artist was thinking when he painted it?
What do you like about this painting?
Step 3: Write the answers on the board .
Have the students get the words out and compare the text to how many common attributes there are between the text and the comments on the board. Ask students to find things in common with the text and the photo. Write those common items on the board and review them

Assessment: Evaluate whether they were able to memorize quicker, and evaluate their appreciation for art by having them write a short essay about this in class.