

El Dorado – The Lost City Of Gold

Lesson 1

This lesson is an introduction to the project as a whole. You will start to make some decisions which will shape your final film.

NB. Always save your annotated interactive whiteboard files.

Introduction

If you have never completed an A Tale Unfolds project before, use the IWB file to go over concept of films and what that word means to the children using the IWB lesson 1 'new to ATU' file.

If you have already made a film using A Tale Unfolds, have a short feedback session on your last film making brief notes on what you thought went well and what you want to improve this time. Use the normal IWB lesson 1 file.

Watch the trailer for 'El Dorado'. Discuss the outline of your own film from the clues in the trailer - discuss possible outcomes/themes/twists and turns.

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Main

Use the IWB file to look at names of detective agencies from popular culture. Talk about the characteristics of each agency. One agency you might not be familiar with is The Pinkerton Detective Agency.

In partners using whiteboards or note paper, discuss possible names for your own detective agency and what the characteristics of your agency might be. Make up a motto for the agency – here are some examples.

- [To infinity and beyond](#)
- [We never sleep](#)
- [Who dares wins](#)

Are you going to be an eccentric team, the cool kids, the ultimate professionals or a mix of all three?

Writing task - what are the names and roles of the three detectives in the agency? Possible roles include things like the tech wizard, the gymnast, the brains of the team, etc.

Plenary

Feel free to adapt this to suit your own sentence level approach. Introduce / revisit Alan Peat 2A sentences - a sentence which contains 2 nouns, with 2 adjectives per noun.

e.g. He is a funny, kind-hearted boy with a fearless, determined nature.

In pairs, write one (or more) 2A sentence on a mini whiteboard, describing one of the characters. Find another pair, improve adjectives/make nouns more precise, then share with the whole class.