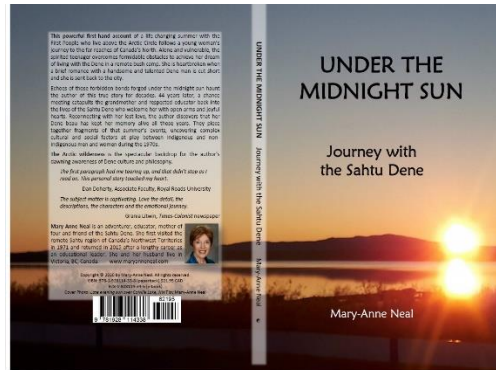


UNDER THE MIDNIGHT SUN: JOURNEY WITH THE SAHTU DENE

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Lesson Plan Suggestions

Poetry

This could be an individual or a teamwork assignment. Students will select some words or phrases from the book. Using those words and phrases, they will write a poem or compose a song.

If someone in the class can play a musical instrument, that person can put the words to music.

First, the student will think of a theme for the poem. Then the student will find words and phrases that are evocative. The poem can tell a story (narrative), describe a feeling (lyrical) or celebrate something (ode).

Before beginning the assignment, students need to learn about different kinds of poetry. Do they want to rhyme? Or do they want blank verse? What kind of rhythm would be appropriate?

You could start with something simple like a haiku. Ambitious students could try writing a sonnet.

FOR MORE FUN

Students could make up a poem that is also an image. That is, the words are in the shape of a canoe or a tree or a cabin or any other shape.

Students could make up a poem where the first letter of each line begins with a letter from another word such as DELINE.

Delightful place to live
Environmentally friendly people
Liberating my soul
Invigorating my spirit
Natural is best
Elements of the earth are here.