

iPad Projects Students Will Love

Create a Post Card

Date:		Subject: Writing A Postcard		Grade Level: 3 rd grade	
Goals	LINKS/TEKS: 110.14.3.17.B,C 110.14.3.19 110.14.3.20B 110.14.3.22,A 110.14.3.23		Essential Questions	What provocative questions will foster inquiry, understanding and transfer of learning?	
	Understanding	TLW is expected to write letters whose language is tailored to the audience and purpose (e.g., a thank you note to a friend) and that use appropriate conventions (e.g., date, salutation, closing)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a postcard? • Why do people send them? • Have you ever gotten one in the mail? Who was it from? Why did they send it? 	
Engage	Prior to lesson, students are asked to bring Post cards they have received in the past, or postcards picked up while on vacation. T begins lesson with essential questions to lead class discussion.		<input type="checkbox"/> WG <input type="checkbox"/> SG <input type="checkbox"/> Pairs <input type="checkbox"/> Indv	Whole Group Materials- T brings sample postcards	Materials Needed – Preparations to Make
Explore	S share their post cards and discuss what they think about the postcards, where they are from, who they are from. Did they learn any new information from the post card? S work on sample letter with punctuation errors. They correct the mistakes.		<input type="checkbox"/> WG <input type="checkbox"/> SG <input type="checkbox"/> Pairs <input type="checkbox"/> Indv	Working in pairs. Materials- Student postcards brought from home. Working Individually Materials- Teacher provided worksheet of a letter with punctuation errors.	
Explain	Pairs share with the class what they learned about their partner's post card. T clarifies any questions and leads class in correcting a sample letter with errors.		<input type="checkbox"/> WG <input type="checkbox"/> SG <input type="checkbox"/> Pairs <input type="checkbox"/> Indv	Whole group	
Elaborate	TLW use Postino to create a post card to send to a family member. Post card topic: write about a memorable experience.		<input type="checkbox"/> WG <input type="checkbox"/> SG <input type="checkbox"/> Pairs <input type="checkbox"/> Indv	Working Individually	
Evaluate	S share the post cards they made using Postino together in class via VGA dongle, and projector. Class checks for correct punctuation. T emails postcards to family members through the app.		<input type="checkbox"/> WG <input type="checkbox"/> SG <input type="checkbox"/> Pairs <input type="checkbox"/> Indv	Materials- Family members email addresses. VGA Dongle, Projector	

