


IWitness Information Quests

IWITNESS INFORMATION QUESTS*	THEMES	COGNITIVE/LITERACY SKILLS	CCSS ANCHOR STANDARDS
<p><i>Students explore one topic or theme as they watch testimony, select key words from the testimony to create a word cloud, and reflect on their selection and that of their peers</i></p>		<p>Analyzing Primary Sources</p> <p>Literacy</p> <p>Developing Questions</p> <p>Reflecting</p> <p>Critical Thinking</p> <p>Expository Writing</p> <p>Communicating</p> <p>Collaboration</p> <p>Research Skills</p> <p>Digital Literacy</p> <p>Synthesis</p> <p>Summarizing</p> <p>Creative Thinking</p> <p>Multiple Perspectives</p>	<p>R1: Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources.</p>
<p>New Beginnings - Journey to America</p> <p>This activity features Holocaust survivors who immigrated to America in the post-war era</p>	<p><i>Immigration, Adaptation</i></p>  <p>Information Quest: New Beginnings - Journey to America ISTE, Common Core, NCSS Grades: 6 - 12 Time: 1.50 hrs</p>		<p>R2: Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.</p>
<p>Fighting in the Face of Racism</p> <p>Two former American soldiers who helped liberate Jews during the Holocaust, recount how they themselves experienced racism in America before and after the war</p>	<p><i>Civil Rights, Stereotyping, Racism</i></p>  <p>Information Quest: Fighting in the Face of Racism Common Core, ISTE NETS Grades: 8 - 12 Time: 1.50 hrs</p>		<p>R7: Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.</p>
<p>No Place on Earth</p> <p>Based on stories of survivors who spent 511 days in two cave systems, this activity focuses on the longest continuous hiding experience known in history and complements the documentary "No Place on Earth"</p>	<p><i>Hiding, Resistance</i></p>  <p>Information Quest: No Place On Earth Common Core, ISTE NETS Grades: 6 - 10 Time: 1.50 hrs</p>		<p>R9: Compare and contrast treatments of the same topic in several primary and secondary sources.</p>
<p>Information Quest on Single Survivor Testimony: Kurt Messerschmidt, Helen Fagin, Roman Kent, Howard Cwick, Ruth Brand, Ellis Lewin</p> <p>These activities allow students to view a selected experience from the testimony of a survivor titled in the Information Quest.</p>	<p><i>Individual Story, Hiding, Resistance, Faith, Religion, Courage, Children</i></p>  <p>Information Quest: Ellis Lewin ISTE, P21, MCREL, Common Core Grades: 6 - 12 Time: 1.50 hrs</p>		<p>SL2: Analyze the main ideas and supporting details presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and explain how the ideas clarify a topic, text, or issue under study.</p> <p>W2: Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.</p> <p>W8: Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.</p>

*Sample of available activities