



Sample Lesson Plan

Mercury

Essential Question:

What are five interesting facts about the planet Mercury?

Materials Needed:

Mercury Music Video, Lyrics Sheet, Graffiti Sheet, highlighters for each student, Quiz Sheet

Grade Level:

1-6

Procedure:

1. Pass out copies of the Mercury Lyrics Sheet and have students read aloud while highlighting and discussing important parts.
 - a. Students needing a challenge can use the Graffiti Sheet graphic organizer to take notes during video.
2. Play the Mercury Music Video for the class.
3. Volunteers lead a discussion based on their Lyrics Sheet, notes on Graffiti Sheet, and/or thoughts from the video.

Assessment:

1. Students take the 10-question quiz.
 - a. If necessary, allow struggling students (or all students) to use the Lyrics Sheet to complete the quiz.
2. Students write a complete written response to the Essential Question as a "ticket-out-the-door."

Extension Activities:

1. Use karaoke version of the song found at www.grammarheads.com and have individuals, partners, or groups sing the lyrics themselves.
2. Use quiz questions for a Jeopardy-style game using a buzzer system or bells.
3. Have students research how Mercury got its name. Then have them come up with new names with a reason for each one.