The Solar System

Grade Levels: 5-6

English Lesson Plan

Overview
In this project the students will be learning how to make a realistic looking planet using photo shop. This video will show them how to do this (http://www.howcast.com/videos/296011-Photoshop-Tutorial-HD-How-To-Make-a-Realistic-Planet). The students will then be required to write a story about their planet and the write a separate paper about how they constructed their planet and details about their planet. This project allows students to work on their writing skills.

Objective
Following this activity the students will understand:
- How to use photo shop
- How to write a story on their planet and the different aspects to their planet

Standards
This project will allow students to:
- 1.4 Students discuss ideas for group stories and other writing. Students write clear sentences and paragraphs that develop a central idea. Students progress through the stages of the writing process, including prewriting, drafting, revising, and editing multiple drafts.
- Observation skills
- Writing skills
- Sentence structure, spelling, grammar

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1 Adapted from: http://lessonplanspage.com/LATripThroughSolarSystemCreativeWriting1.htm
### Materials
- Computer (photo shop)
- Notebook Paper
- Pencils
- Science text book

### Procedures
1. Tell the students about the Project “Today we are going to be working on our writing skills while learning about the solar system.”
2. Show the students how to work photo shop. Allow them to play around with it before they begin watching the video on how to make a realistic planet.
3. Make the students aware that they are going to write a narrative and it must be 2 pages long about their planet and 1 page paper describing how they constructed their planet and why.
4. Give each student 4 pieces of notebook paper for their 2 page story and at least 1 page to explain how they constructed their planet.
5. In class the next day allow the students to share their narratives to each other.
6. Have them make any corrections or changes to their planets, or papers if they feel the need.

### Evaluation
The Students knowledge on this subject will be tested by:
- Worksheets
- A partner activity
- Quiz on how to construct a planet