

Learning with Public Purpose
Reading with Cannon County Project
Cannon County, Tennessee

Essential Question

How can Cannon County High School students observe, interview, and use written language to communicate with the citizens of the county? How can students reach out to their community through verbal, writing, and interviewing skills?

Introduction

The Reading with Cannon County Project is designed to give students an outlet for outreach to their community. This project was developed by Annie Bilger, 9th-12th grade Resource Teacher, to provide students with real world writing opportunities. As a result of assessing community writing needs, students will take part in oral history interviews. Other products will include an A-Z Children's Book about Cannon County, a Welcome Book for the Chamber of Commerce, and an agricultural comparison of farmland using essays and pictures.



Project Goals

- Create and increase students' community and school awareness and understanding of their impact on the community.
- Encourage local agencies, companies, and elementary schools to participate in activities with a variety of input and resources.
- Promote learning across the curriculum.
- Brainstorm, create, and publish several written products, from books to brochures.
- Engage students as partners in the classroom and community.
- Document information, research, and apply historical text to writing projects.
- Ask questions of citizens in community, write oral histories, and develop a viewing for their published work.

Implementation

Beginning in January 2006, students will begin brainstorming sessions. The timeline and abstract of the project will be determined by the students. Smaller projects will be completed by May 2006. However, larger projects will be an ongoing project for the next school year which will build every month until completion. The implementation of the program will be done through a detailed schedule of monthly goals and objectives. Students will be provided with rubrics and checklists to determine progress on projects.

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