

Subject: English

Grade: 8

Date: April 3/14

Unit: Short Stories

Lesson Title: "U is Part of Us" (Continued)

Time: 75 minutes

Materials:

- paper
- pencils
- handouts

Learning Objectives:

- students will explore the specific theme of the necessity of balance in life
- students will be able to create personal connections between their lives and the lives of the characters
- students will write a scene from "U is Part of Us" from a first person point of view from a different character's perspective

		Teacher is Doing:	Students are Doing:
	15 minutes	-silent reading	-silent reading
	15 minutes	-go over short story powerpoint with the class	-responding to questions and watching the powerpoint
	5 minutes	-on the board, writing down student responses to the following questions: 1. What are some chores that you do at home? What are you busy with outside of being at home? 2. What are some chores your parents do? What are your parents busy with outside of work?	-participating in class discussion
	7 minutes	Ask students what life would be like for them if their whole life was taken over by something that they did not enjoy doing -how would they feel? -why would they feel that way? **relate this back to the mother in "U is Part of Us"	-participating in class discussion
	20 minutes	-have students create a simple pie chart of daily activities that include: -school (5) -family (5) -sleep (15) -friends (5) -personal time (fun time) (10)	-creating pie charts

		<p>-homework (15)</p> <p>**show students my example of my chart first to show them what I'm looking for</p> <p>http://www.meta-chart.com/pie</p> <p>(make before class and then display...)</p>	
	8 minutes	<p>-split students into groups of four and have them compare their pie charts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are they different? • How are they similar? 	-discussing in their groups
	5 minutes	<p>-give out handouts on assignment and go over with students</p> <p>**responses must be at least a page, double-spaced (HANDED IN NEXT CLASS...April 7)</p>	-listening