

## Lesson Plan –July 10, 2008

### Comparison and Contrast of Two Short Stories

“The Little Store”, by Eudora Welty

“The Great Mouse Plot” an excerpt from BOY, by Roald Dahl

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Applicable to Language Arts grade 7 students

Estimated lesson length: four 55 minute class sessions.

#### Materials:

Copies of the short story: “The Little Store”, by Eudora Welty.

Florida state adopted text The Language of Literature, by McDougal Little, which

Includes the excerpt “The great Mouse Plot”, by R. Dahl, plus an added unit titled: “The History of Chocolate”.

#### Objectives and Activities:

##### Language Arts:

Students will read the autobiographical selection by Eudora Welty: “The Little Store”. Students and teacher will discuss the use of the Six Traits of Writing.

Students will focus upon her use of Voice in her writing.

Students will next read the autobiographical selection from R. Dahl’s Boy: “The Great Mouse Plot”. Students will again cite examples of this author’s use of Voice from the Six Traits of Writing.

Students will make Venn Diagrams and write in the similarities and differences They have observed in both of these selections.

Students will write a compare/contrast essay in which they cite either three Similarities, or three differences between the two selections. They also will be Be expected to cite one example of each author’s use of Voice in their writing.

#### Evaluation:

Students will be scored on a Six Traits of Writing Rubric of 1-5 for the essay.