

Interdisciplinary Unit 1
Narrative Writing

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Student Characteristics and Individual Differences

- **School System and School**
 - Name of school system: Valdosta City Schools
 - Name of school: Valdosta Middle School

- **School's Student Characteristics**
 - **Students (total of 985 school wide)**
 - Number of boys: 542
 - Number of girls: 443
 - Age range: 11 – 15 years old
 - **Ethnicity (number of students)**
 - African American: 620
 - Asian American: (counted in "other" category)
 - Native American: (counted in "other" category)
 - Hispanic: (counted in "other" category)
 - Caucasian: 306
 - Other: 59
 - **Reading Achievement (6th gr. Team 7 scores – English/Lang. Arts)**
 - Based on: 2005 Disaggregated Data of CRCT Scores
 - % Above-average or advanced skill level (exceeds): 30
 - % Average or intermediate skill level (meets): 49
 - % Below average skill level (does not meet): 21
 - **Writing Achievement**
 - Based on: 2004 Middle Grades Writing Assessment (8th gr. only)
 - % Above-average or advanced skill level (exceeds): 3
 - % Average or intermediate skill level (meets): 78
 - % Below average skill level (does not meet): 19
 - **OTHER**
 - % of Students receiving free/reduced lunch: 60
 - Attendance: % Absent over 15 days: 13.7
 - % of Students enrolled in Special Education: 16
 - % of Students enrolled in Gifted Education: 17
 - VMS has been accredited by SACS since 1995

- **Classroom's Student Characteristics**
 - **Students (total of 99 on Team 7)**
 - Number of boys: 58
 - Number of girls: 41
 - Age range: 11 – 13 yrs
 - **Ethnicity**
 - African American: 59
 - Asian American: 2
 - Native American: 0
 - Hispanic: 2
 - Caucasian: 34

Interest Inventory / Multiple Intelligence Survey

How Many Ways Are You Smart?

Directions:

Fold the paper vertically on the dark line so that the columns with the eight "multiple intelligences" are hidden. Read each statement below. Place a checkmark next to each item that is true about you. Then unfold the paper and circle the X in each row that you checked. Write the total number in each column at the bottom of the paper. How many ways are you smart?

Which of the following are true about you?

	Nature Smart	Number/Logic Smart	Word Smart	Music Smart	Picture Smart	Body Smart	People Smart	Self Smart
I enjoy singing and I sing fairly well.				X				
I enjoy crossword puzzles and word games.			X					
I'm good at solving jigsaw puzzles.					X			
I can read maps easily.					X			
I learn best when I can talk over a new idea.							X	
Picture, line, and bar graphs are easy to understand.					X			
I like to listen to music in my free time.				X				
I get along well with different types of people.							X	
I like writing about my thoughts and feelings.								X
Protecting the environment is very important to me.	X							
I enjoy caring for pets and other animals.	X							
I like drama and acting things out.						X		
I'm good at writing stories.			X					
I can understand difficult math ideas easily.		X						
I play a musical instrument (or would like to).				X				
People tell me I'm good at sports or dancing.						X		
I'm good at figuring out patterns.		X						
My best way to learn is by doing hands-on activities.						X		
I like spending time by myself.								X
I find that I'm often helping other people.							X	
I'm naturally good at taking care of plants.	X							
I enjoy solving problems and "brainteasers."		X						
Having quiet time to think over ideas is important to								X
I enjoy reading for pleasure.			X					
Totals								