

Grade 4 Project

Project Summary

“If You Will It, It Is No Dream” - Theodor Herzl

The Grade 4 class integrated their Hebrew and English units focusing on dreams. The students first explored the idea of dreams and goals by looking at the example of Theodor Herzl, the father of Zionism. Through Hebrew songs, they each reflected upon their own personal dreams. The students further developed this theme by considering dreams they have for their community and world.

In Hebrew, the students focused on rhyming, structure, and vocabulary expansion through songs about dreams by Uzi Chitman. They then transferred those skills to write a poem about their own personal dreams.

In English, the students explored the use of metaphors in daily language and as a literary technique. With this learning, each student abstracted an idea from a dream and attached a metaphor to it. As a culminating task, they developed their metaphor to compose the poetry before you today (see Part 12).

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Metaphor Poem Example

Peace

Peace can be a long and winding road,
filled with unexpected twists and turns.
The path may sometimes seem unclear,
the path may sometimes cause some fear.
But peace is a path we should all explore,
while helping those who have lost their way.
For if and when each voyage is complete,
the world will be a nicer place.
If you will it, it is no dream.



In this poem, what is the metaphor for peace? _____

Fill out the chart below:

Metaphor	Explanation
Twists and turns	When trying to achieve peace, there can often be surprises.

Reminder: A metaphor is a comparison that does not use the words "like" or "as". It is used as a way to say a lot about something, without using many words. In a way, we can understand something better by comparing it to something else.

Metaphor Poem Helper

Poem Topic: _____

Describe some of the features of your topic:

- Eg. Peace isn't easily achieved, the whole world should aim for peace, peace takes time to accomplish, etc.
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

What are some things in the world that your topic can be compared to?

- Eg. long and winding road, building a house, riding a bike
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Try and work out a bit of your poem:

Metaphor	Explanation	Does the metaphor work?
Eg. it has twists and turns	Sometimes there are surprises	✓

Checklist

- My poem uses a general metaphor
- My “comparisons” make sense
- I have written at least 9 lines
- My ninth line reads, “If you will it, it is no dream”.
- I have corrected for spelling
- I have corrected for awkward lines

