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Integrating Literacy into Science and Social Studies Instruction





Discussion Welcome!

Please contribute freely - what you
have to share may be what someone
else needs to hear!

Agenda

- 1 What is Literacy?**
- 2 Importance of Disciplinary Literacy**
- 3 Strategies to Support Teachers**
- 4 Additional Resources**

Group Jamboard

Put yourself in the shoes of your Science and Social Studies teachers. When you walk into the classroom on any given day, what are your priorities?



“If students know how to read a text and apply strategies independently (the ultimate goal of strategy instruction), then they can independently read about content that a teacher would have to present in some other way more arduously and with the likelihood that it will not really be learned, just covered.”

ELA Skills for Science and Social

Studies

Read Articles

Write Articles

Comprehension

Research

Synthesis

Evaluation

Inquiry

Creation



Strategies Walkthrough

Word Chart

Context and Connections

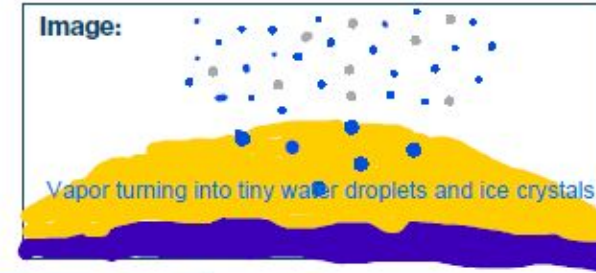
A quick activity to build academic and domain-specific vocabulary skills

- Definition
- Image
- Example
- Where will I find this word?
- How will I remember this word?

Definition:

The process by which a gas cools and becomes a liquid.

Image:



Word:

Condensation

Example:

Looking out at a lake early in the morning after a rainy night, you can see fog rising up from the water into the air.

I will probably find this word:

when I am reading about the water cycle, a science textbook or something about what happens to the water after it rains.

I will remember this word by connecting it:

I will connect it with drops of water that appear on the grass in the early morning hours when I am walking my dog before heading off to school.

Word Chart

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Read the Britannica School – Middle Article “Water Cycle”

For one of the highlighted words, complete the word chart, contextualizing the word and connecting to lived experience.

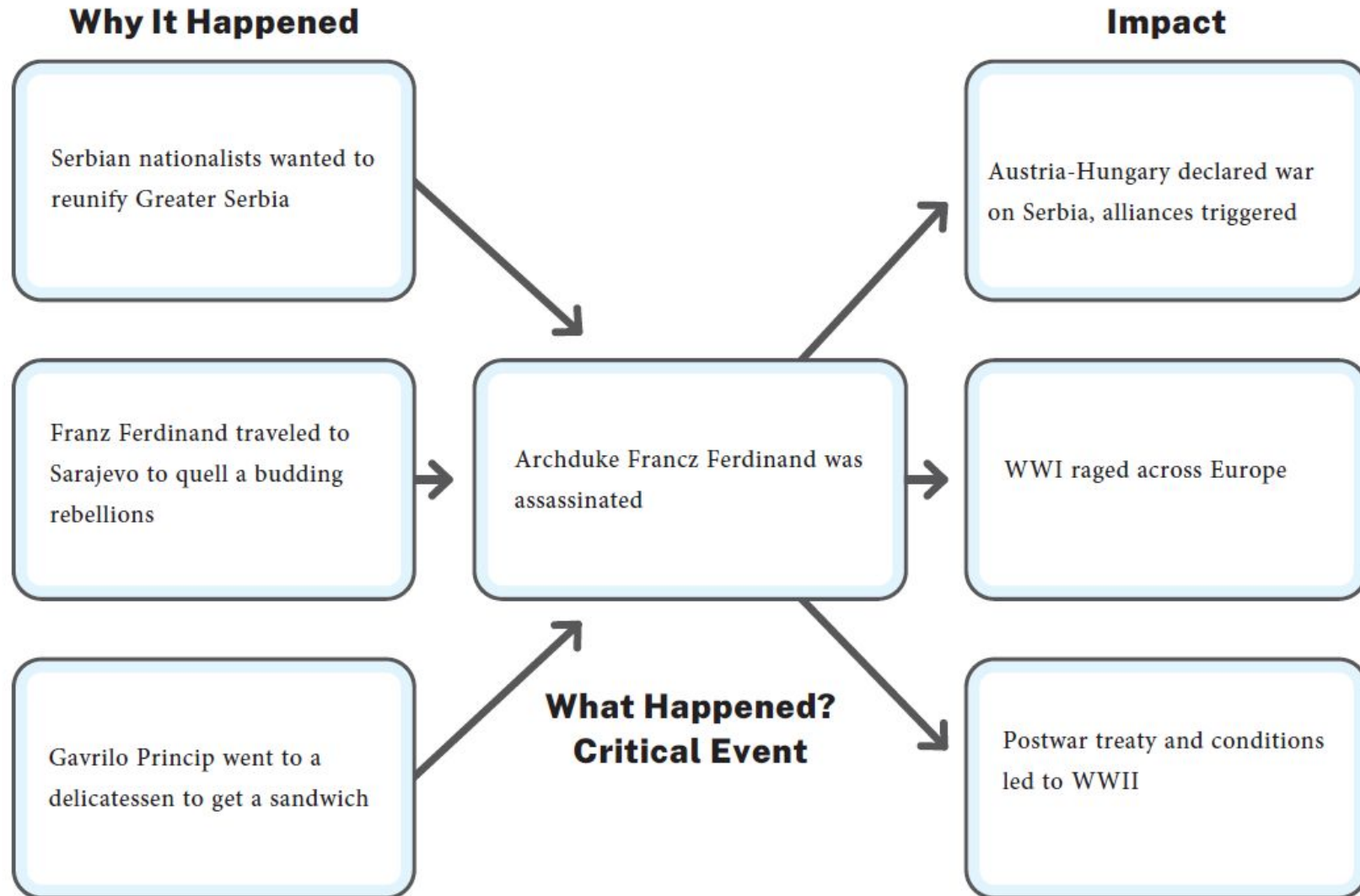
Critical Event Analysis

Covering content and building disciplinary literacy
– at the same time!

Build a deeper understanding of history and its continuous influence on the present and future

- First read: “what happened?”
- Discuss the impact
- Second read: “why did this happen? what was the impact?”

CRITICAL EVENT ANALYSIS ORGANIZER



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Read Britannica *Expedition: Learn!* article **The Automobile**

With a partner, complete the Critical Event Analysis graphic organizer in your toolkit.

Be prepared to discuss!

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