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Drama: A Family Connection

Guide for Curriculum Unit 90.02.06
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The development of this unit will take one full school year. The students will learn behavioral problem-solving skills that promote successful strategies for coping with stressful situations. The three main units are stress management, six problem-solving steps, and behavioral social skills. This is followed by a substance use prevention module.

Students will compile a problem diary that will be used to generate a list of ideas for a subject to write about. At the appropriate time students will be assigned to groups who will compare and discuss their diaries and then select a subject for the writing project. Students at all ability levels can benefit from this unit. Teachers will find that students will work with little difficulty.

(Recommended for Social Skills, Reading, and English/Literature, grades 6-8)

Key Words

Social Problem Solving Drama Family Life

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