## **Anoka-Hennepin Secondary Curriculum Unit Plan**

Department:	ELA	Course:	Theater I	Unit 4 Title:	Native American Theater	Grade Level(s):	6-7
Assessed Trimester:	Trimester 1	Pacing:	Full Day (every other day)	Date Created:	10/16/2013	Last Revision Date:	6/16/2014

## Course Understandings: Students will understand that:

- Theater is a tool that can be used to share varying personal, social, cultural or historical experiences.
- Through the use of simple costuming, effective staging, creating characters (with voice, body, movement), and understanding script, students should be able to perform traditional stories from various Native American tribes.

## DESIRED RESULTS (Stage 1) - WHAT WE WANT STUDENT TO KNOW AND BE ABLE TO DO?

#### **Established Goals**

- 6.1.1.4.3: Identify Western and non-Western styles such as Kabuki, Noh, Theater or the Absurd or classical.
- 6.1.3.4.1: Compare and contrast the connections among works in theater, their purposes and their personal, social, cultural, historical contexts, including the contributions of Minnesota American Indian tribes and communities.

#### **Transfer**

## Students will be able to independently use their learning to: (product, high order reasoning)

• Using a collection readers theater plays from various Native American Tribes from across North America, students will; stage, rehearse, develop characters, collect/build props and perform the plays in front of class.

## Meaning

# Unit Understanding(s):

#### Students will understand that:

- Storytelling is an essential part of the MN American Indian Culture.
- Specific elements make up MN American Indian storytelling.

# Essential Question(s):

# Students will keep considering:

• What are the unique contributions of Minnesota American Indians' to the theater?

#### **Acquisition**

## Knowledge - Students will:

• Identify the key components of Native American storytelling.

# Reasoning - Students will:

Analyze traditional Native American stories

#### Skills - Students will:

Perform Native American folktales

## Common Misunderstandings

- There is more than one tribe or group of Native American even within a given state.
- The culture is based on oral vs written traditions.
- The purpose of the storytelling as it was for educational purposes and not entertainment

## Essential new vocabulary

- Indigenous
- Words associated with Native American culture