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RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

Mrs. Whippy
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(Beginner)

A woman in trouble turns to ice cream, and just might find love in its pursuit.

Emelda is 46 years old. Her husband, Charlie, has just left her for a 23-year-old dancer. Her five difficult sons worship their father and blame Emelda for his departure. On top of everything else, she has to struggle with a new job at the local supermarket. For comfort she turns to her only true friend – ice-cream.

But lately there's a handsome man driving the ice-cream van. Could romance be about to blossom?

Pick up a copy of *Mrs. Whippy* at the Coventry Public Library or reserve a copy through your local Ocean Sate Library!

5 WRITING ASSIGNMENTS TO CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY

March marks the beginning of Women's History Month. While women deserve recognition every day, this time of year presents a perfect opportunity to pay homage to women of the past and present.

See five writing activities below to prompt your student to explore women's achievements while also honoring the ongoing fight for progress and equality.

Writing a Historical Dialogue

Your student chooses a woman who has contributed greatly to history, arts, activism, and/or science, completes additional research, and writes a dialogue between themselves and the person.

Goals for Gender Equality

Your student considers contemporary examples of gender inequality in school, sports, and other group settings. Then, in an essay, defines gender equality and why it matters.

Living Legends

Have your student interview a woman they respect and admire. Then they use information from the interview to create a narrative about the person.

Toying with Gender Stereotypes

Analyze your student's favorite childhood toys for gender stereotypes. After contemplating what the toys suggest about gender roles and expectations, students write a letter to their younger selves, giving advice about the toys.

Analyzing a Heroine

Have your student fill out a "scouting report" about a female character from a book, TV show, or movie. They use details from their report to write a character analysis about the heroine.

See the link to Thoughtful Learner with teacher support on our website.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



TUTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP

LVKC's Spring 2024 Tutor Training Workshop is scheduled for March 11, 18 & 25 with a follow-up on April 22, 2024 in the Literacy Room at the Coventry Town Hall Annex (1675 Flat River Rd, Coventry, RI).

If you or someone you know may be interested in becoming a volunteer tutor, please fill out the tutor application at coventrylibrary.org/tutors

NEWSELA IN-SERVICES

Calling all tutors! If you're struggling to find content for your lessons with your students, and are interested in learning how to use Newsela, consider attending the Newsela Tutor In-Services.

The Tutor In-Services are scheduled for March 21, 2024 at 10:00 AM, and March 27, 2024 at 6:00 PM. If you are interested in attending these In-Services, please register at coventrylibrary.org/tutor-in-service. Refreshments provided.

CONVERSATION CLASS

Let's Talk Conversation Class is a small-group ELL (ESL) program designed to primarily serve those ELL students, 18 or older, who are currently participating in one-on-one tutoring, or those awaiting a tutor. This conversational, task-oriented program helps students maximize their English speaking skills and is free to participants.

Let's Talk English Conversation Group is a great way to:

- Learn about American Culture
- Practice English Speaking Skills
- Make Friends
- Ask Questions

Tuesday mornings from 10:00 - 11:30 AM
East Greenwich Free Library (82 Peirce St., East Greenwich, RI 02818)

Virtual Online - Zoom Meeting (link provided after sign up):
Wednesday Nights from 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Sign up on our website at: coventrylibrary.org/lets-talk

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