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Presentation

Dear teachers:

These guidelines intend to provide you, Literature teachers of seventh grade, with important information on how effectively write indicators to help you to plan your lessons and create assessment instruments for their Self-Study Guides (GTA) and the assessment promotion strategy or *estrategia de promoción* in Spanish. All the indicators will help teachers to measure the performance indicators set in the Literature in English Language curriculum. We believe that you know your students best and therefore we encourage you to adapt and contextualize what you find here so that it responds to the needs of your learners. Remember to visit the following link with supplementary resources for your lessons. https://recursos.mep.go.cr/lebs_y_sebi/:

Aims of this document:

- a) To give teachers a brief explanation on how to write indicators of learning for planning their Self-Study Guides (GTA in Spanish).
- b) To recommend a list of suggested performance indicators for the pedagogical mediation to teach Literature in English Language in Seventh Grade.

Best,

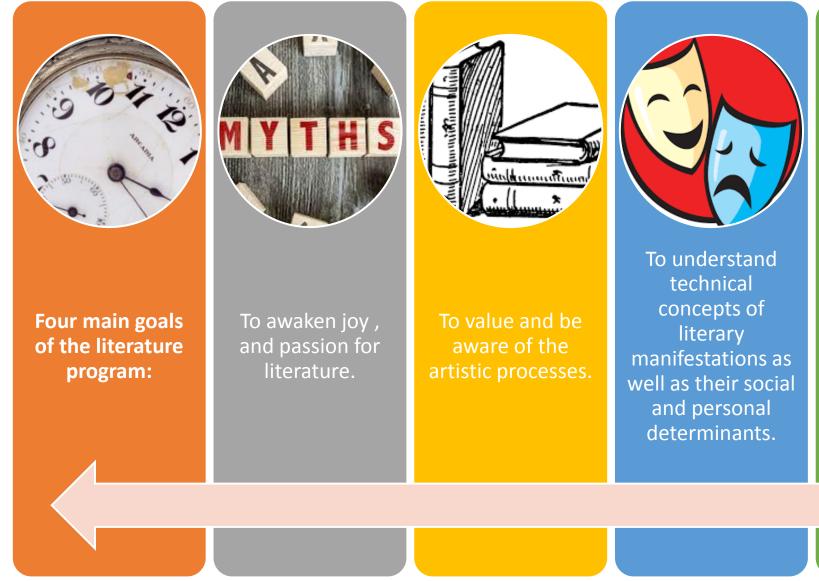
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Important points to keep in mind when working with the Literature in English Language Program.

- Literature should connect with life experiences, beliefs, and convictions, which have to be faced through a methodological approach of ethical dilemmas (daily life, artistic, fictitious and historical) within a new democratic perspective.
- Literature constitutes a valid opportunity to promote the use of critical and creative skills in the process of building up a classroom community of inquiry, adapted by teachers, according to the learner's interest and level of English.
- Literature is an invitation to a dialogue. It teaches about humanity and reveals pros and cons of characters in specific situations and times. Learning a language is also learning about culture and values.

- Literature mirrors our own lives and provides a window into distant places, times, and people.
- Reading literature can increase the chances of students becoming passionate readers, who read with a purposeful objective, as well as enjoyment. Additionally, students can improve other skills through literature. As an illustration, creativity and reflection can be reinforced as students perform, write, and analyze different literary texts. Perhaps, this is the ultimate reason that students have for writing with joy and pleasure; that is, their education will be going beyond the reading.

Taken from Programa de Literatura en Lengua Inglesa Liceos Experimentales Bilingües, 2011, MEP





To allow students to express and reflect themselves creatively while

interacting with literature pieces.

About the indicators for the pedagogical mediation...

When working with the Literature in the English Language program, teachers need to design their own teaching procedures, in the mediation activities, on the basis of the learners' pre-and post-assessments, as well as performance and reaction to instructional practices, circumstances and interests of each class community. The use of a rich variety of techniques and activities in the class will lead the students to establish positive cross curricular connections with suggested and flexible literature contents and within a socio-constructivist curricular approach. Consequently, visualizing, planning, and implementing techniques relevant to student-need and selecting coherent activities with the method, and in harmony with the approach, is the teacher's job. In regard to the performance indicators for the pedagogical mediation, they are used to assess the activities proposed during the pedagogical mediation process. Performance indicators for the pedagogical mediation are strictly related to the activity's achievement, and they help to provide specific and timely descriptive feedback to students.

It is important to clarify that this document includes only performance indicators that are measurable, observable and specific. However, we ask teachers to pay special emphasis on the following observable behaviors since they are as equally important because of nature and purpose of this subject:

- 4 Appreciate and enjoy simple oral and written literature.
- 4 Value different contributions from influential world leaders and writers.
- **4** Demonstrate development of social strategies.
- Value authors' literary contributions.
- Apply collaborative work and learning strategies (outline, graphic organizers, etc.).
- Use self-and co-assessment strategies.



Performance indicators for the pedagogical mediation

They provide an objective, valid, reliable and meaningful balance to know what learners are achieving. Specific indicators for the pedagogical mediation in the literature lessons were written using the performance indicators for each grade. They were taken from the current program.



How do we write performance indicators for the pedagogical mediation?

Verb			
Measurable,observable and specific	Content As stated in the learnings	Condition*	
		As stated in the learnings	

* The condition element is present and contextualized in all the performance indicators for the pedagogical mediation of the curriculum. Therefore, indicators of learning must be written considering this feature.



How many performance indicators for the pedagogical mediation do we write per performance indicator?



This actually depends on the complexity of the performance indicator. Some can have one, two or even more. There is no recipe that says how many indicators should be written for each performance indicator. How many achievement levels do we have? We have three levels: Achieved, In progress and Not yet achieved.

Not yet achieved: Learner cannot achieve the task. In process: Learner can achieve the task with some difficulty and needs improvement. Achieved: Learner can achieve the task without any difficulty.

7th Grade Performance Indicators for the Pedagogical Mediation

The 7th Grade Literature in English Language curriculum provides performance indicators. These performance indicators are evidence that a teacher can record to show that students are achieving the learnings.

As classroom teachers, however, we do not simply <u>assess</u> students' progress. We must guide students step by step through activities that enable them to reach the learnings.

This document breaks each performance indicator down into a number of specific performance indicators for the pedagogical mediation. They are the steps that learners follow to achieve the performance indicators. The performance indicators for the pedagogical mediation have the following characteristics: measurable, observable and specific.

How to use this document:

1) Identify the performance indicator that you will be using.

2) Consider the steps or indicators for the pedagogical mediation learners need to follow to achieve each specific performance indicator.

3) Remember that there should be a connection between each performance indicator with the specific indicator for the pedagogical mediation proposed in this document.

4) Use specific indicators for the pedagogical mediation to monitor students' progress and make the corresponding mediation changes if necessary.

Important considerations:

- 1. Indicators for the pedagogical mediation are organized in terms.
- 2. In some of the indicators proposed, teachers have to include the content of these indicators.
- 3. In most of the cases, indicators for the pedagogical mediation are arranged in a suggested order for students to perform them appropriately.
- 4. It is always necessary to use indicators for the pedagogical mediation, such as the ones suggested in this document. As educators, teachers must use their own professional judgement to identify the steps their students most need to take to achieve the learnings and that is reflected in the pedagogical mediation.
- 5. During the face- to- face and/or distance pedagogical mediation process, and therefore, at the end of each self-study guide, the teacher will use the indicators to create instruments (rubrics and /or performance scales) to assess students' achievement level.
- 6. The mediation activities in the self-study guides must be coherent with the indicators for the pedagogical mediation to be included in the corresponding achievement level rubric.
- 7. When revising the indicators for the pedagogical mediation, consider that you can follow the steps below as suggested by the Institute of Collaborative Learning:
 - **\$** Select the activity and leave it as it is.
 - **A**dapt it or change it somehow.
 - **Reject it. Choose not to use it**
 - **\$** Supplement it. Enrich the activity with extra material to make it more appropriate.

Level: 7 th				
Terms: 1-2-3				
Performance indicators from the program	Suggested Performance Indicators for the Pedagogical Mediation			
Reacts to different oral and visual tasks (e.g., role plays, poems, songs, videos, dialogues and storytelling, etc.)	Identifies the title in role plays, poems, songs, videos, dialogues and storytelling.			
	Recognizes the author's purpose by paying attention to the title.			
	Distinguishes images, techniques and literary figures.			
	Describes the artwork (oeuvre) including information about what, who, when,			
	where, what it is about.			
	Reacts in a written / oral form towards the artwork (oeuvre).			
	Gets the gist of biographies, autobiographies, personal narratives, letters, diaries			
Identifies some literary figures of speech (metaphor, simile, imagery, and symbolism).	and journals, short stories, fables, and basic poetry.			
	Recognizes the structure of the different genres.			
	Identifies some literary figures of speech (metaphor, simile, imagery, and			
	symbolism) in biographies, autobiographies, personal narratives, letters, diaries			
	and journals, short stories, fables and basic poetry.			
	Prewrites ideas for humorous passages, letters, diaries, journals, and insights to			
	express personal emotions.			
Produces humorous passages, letters, diaries,	Drafts sentences for humorous passages, letters, diaries, journals, and insights			
journals, and insights to express personal	to express personal emotions using the appropriate linkers or connecting words.			
emotions.	Revises a short, simple text by checking written sentences to look for mistakes			
	related to subject-verb agreement, capitalization, spelling, and basic			
	punctuation) and content.			

Level: 7 th				
Terms: 1-2-3				
Performance indicators from the program	Suggested Performance Indicators for the Pedagogical Mediation			
	Edits humorous passages, letters, diaries, journals, and insights to express			
	personal emotions by correcting the mistakes before publishing them.			
Narrates meaningful life experiences.	Sets the scene of a meaningful life experience.			
	Describes the problem/ situation of a meaningful life experience.			
	Lists the rising actions of a meaningful life experience.			
	Distinguishes the climax of a meaningful life experience.			
	Describes falling action of a meaningful life experience.			
	Explains a resolution of a meaningful life experience.			
	Gets the gist of passages, letters, diaries, journals and personal narratives.			
Identifies humor.	Recognizes the different humor forms in passages, letters, diaries, journals and			
	personal narratives.			
	Prewrites lines for cinquains, haikus, epigrams, and song lyrics.			
Writes basic poetry: cinquains, haikus, epigrams,	Drafts lines for cinquains, haikus, epigrams, and song lyrics.			
and song lyrics.	Revises lines in cinquains, haikus, epigrams, and song lyrics.			
	Edits cinquains, haikus, epigrams, and song lyrics by correcting the mistakes			
	before publishing them.			
Identifies some elements of fiction (characters,	Gets the gist of role plays, videos, songs and storytelling.			
plot, setting, point of view).	Recognizes the structure of role plays, videos, songs and storytelling.			

Level: 7 th				
Terms: 1-2-3				
Performance indicators from the program	Suggested Performance Indicators for the Pedagogical Mediation			
	Identifies some elements of fiction (characters, plot, setting, point of view, theme, climax, resolution) in role plays, videos, songs and storytelling. Identifies written and spoken forms of vocabulary in different literary passages.			
Gets meaning in different contexts.	Recognizes the different meanings of the same word by using the context in different literary passages.			
Expresses ideas, feelings, likes and dislikes, preferences, and opinions using appropriate vocabulary in oral and written forms.	 Plans a set of ideas to express ideas, feelings, likes and dislikes, preferences, and opinions using appropriate vocabulary in oral and written forms towards the artwork (oeuvre). Makes complete sentences to express ideas, feelings, likes and dislikes, preferences, and opinions using appropriate vocabulary in oral and written forms towards the artwork (oeuvre). 			
Predicts events and consequences in different literary passages.	Foretells events in different literary passages. Foretells consequences in different literary passages.			
Questions events and consequences in different literary passages.	Identifies facts from events in different literary passages. Recognizes details from the events and consequences. Inquires the relationship between events and consequences in different literary passages.			
Infers events, consequences in different literary passages.	Gets the gist of an event in different literary passages.Identifies main ideas in different literary passages.			

Level: 7 th		
Terms: 1-2-3		
Performance indicators from the program	Suggested Performance Indicators for the Pedagogical Mediation	
	Recognizes specific details of an event different literary passages.	
	Establishes connections and links among the gist, main ideas and details.	
	Draws conclusions about the consequences of an event based on connection	
	and links in different literary passages.	

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