

This is the lesson plan I used to help students name my mission in Middle School ELA class.

Materials:

None, specifically

Introduction:

I told the students about the Apollo, Gemini, Mercury, and Artemis missions. We discussed how these were found in Greek and Roman mythology. Since our school is a Catholic school, we talked about how we have people who are important to our beliefs and represent important aspects of our life, as well.

We also discussed the use of acronyms, such as STS in mission names.

I then introduced students to my proposed experiments, since that was going to be important in designing a name for the mission.

The Project:

1. Students were asked to design a mission name for my set of experiments. They could either use a Catholic entity or an acronym.
2. Students would then write a persuasive paragraph about why the name they came up with would be a good fit for my set of experiments.

Extension:

A committee of teachers, including the ELA teacher, read and evaluated each mission name idea that was submitted by the deadline. We then voted on the name we liked the best, based off of the persuasive paragraph.