

Lesson Plan

Course: APSS289-Intro to Society		Lecturer: D K Herold		Date: 1 March 2010	
Topic: Human Life-Cycle		Week: 8		Course Type: BGE	
Objectives:	1. Review of Life-cycle 2. Life-stages and their symbols 3. Human-centred symbol creation	Goals:	1. Ss visit different SL-Sites 2. Ss identify life-related symbols 3.Ss realise the arbitrariness of symbols		

Activities	Tools, SL-Areas, SL-Links
<p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brief review of lecture - Life-Cycle => Different Groupings at different stages - Different Interest => Different Sites - Different Stages => Different Symbols - In lesson: Evaluate SL-sites built around life stages, what are the symbols? Why are they here? Do they work in SL? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet in APSS area - Intro in REAL life - Grouping of ss in SL - Handing over of different links to ss - Ensure everyone teleports away
<p>Development and/or Practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students visit different SL-sites in groups and return after 15 min - Lecturer 'visits' different groups to check and give pointers (also to provide technical assistance) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - List of SL-links in folder 'Tutorials' in SL - Copy links into chat window for ss to click on
<p>Closure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet all ss in APSS area for their reports and answers to questions. - Ask ss to think about symbols in SL and their counterparts offline. Why do humans 'need' / 'want' symbols for the stages of their lives? - Start pointing towards next topic: GENDER / FAMILY 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Offer all ss 'Teleport to my location' via list of contacts to APSS area. - Reports, answers and discussions ALL via in-world chat ONLY. - Save/Email log-file after lesson.
<p>Independent Practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Homework for the week: Find and visit other sites connected to the life-cycle, e.g. schools, universities, Churches, Graveyards, etc. - Take a picture in SL, send it to lecturer with brief explanation (4-5 sentences) of the symbols and their offline equivalents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remind ss how to take pictures in SL and how to email the picture together with comments
Lesson Evaluation	
<p>Good:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lively discussion at the end - Site visits seem to have worked (mostly) - Ss seem to have understood arbitrariness of symbols 	<p>Bad:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some technical issues (lagging, etc.) - Some ss busy changing appearance