

LESSON PLAN

Subject: Lithuanian, English, Dance

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Class: 8e

School: Klaipėda Gedminai Progymnasium (Lithuania)

Topic: “The Tree of Life“

Objectives.

Students will revise the symbolic meanings of the tree of life while doing interactive tasks; they will present trees, which were reflected as the trees of the world in English after working in groups; they will discuss a coherence of the tree of life with the Lithuanian folkways and will play a folk game “Pasėjau linelius”(I sowed the flax)

Level of learning: high.

Motivation of class.

Students of this class are very active and are keen on working in groups and doing creative works. According to this, the methods and working forms are chosen will reveal the level of their preparation and motivation.

Teaching activities

During the lesson different (discussion, questioning, group work, lecture) methods are used.

While doing interactive tasks (filling the gaps, matching the cards) students revise the symbolic meanings of the tree of life (10 min).

The next part of the lesson activity is organized according to the method of group working. Students split into 5 different colour groups. Each group, according to its color gets individual task: to prepare the short presentation about a tree in English (10 min).

When the task is completed, students discuss the coherence of the tree of life with the Lithuanian folkways and play a folk game “Pasėjau linelius” (I sowed the flax) (10 min).

The next part is reflection using the method ‘river’. The task assigned as HW is to draw their own tree of life.

Evaluation.

Self-evaluation, non-formal evaluation.

Methods (short description)

Scheme

Making decisions (grouping cards)

Gap filling

Folk game

Rivers

Teaching / Learning material

Vocabulary

English	
Oak	
Linden	
Rowan	
Ash	
Poplar	
Trunk	
Roots	
Bark	
Branch	
Boughs	
Twigs	
Sustenance	
Nourishment	
Healing	
Imbue	
Render	
Essence	
Nullify	
Condemn	
Encompass	
Immortality	

Tree of Life symbols and what they represent...

The symbols of the tree of life are comprised of all the aspects of the tree itself and what those elements mean. You have the roots, the trunk, branches, leaves and all types of fruit coming from the same tree. All of these parts of the tree represent tree in a symbolic way.

The roots dig deep, the trunk establishes a foundation, the branches reach out for sustenance, the leaves collect strength, and the fruit gives of itself.

Tree of Life meaning and inspiration...

The tree of life meaning comes from its symbolic aspects. If you take a look at the symbols you can extract the meaning through each of these symbols. First, the tree of life provides the breath of life. This breath, is also represented by the spiritual nature of air, which is to “inspire”.

The significance of the leaves of the tree have been thought to be “healing” in its properties. So we look at healing from not only the physical point of view, but from the spiritual or emotional point of view.

Tree of Life Symbolism and nourishment...

The tree of life meaning symbolizes many nurturing aspects of life. In its branches, it symbolizes reaching out to accept the nourishment of the sun. In its leaves, it captures that nourishment and cherishes it through transformation into life giving food.

In its roots, it digs deep to the soul of the Earth. It embraces the Earth with its roots, and recognizes the soil as its mother. In the roots and branches it acknowledges Mother Earth and Father Sun. It is a full recognition of the life that supports it, and its spiritual origins.

The Tree of Life and the elements...

The tree of life meaning and the elements are intimately involved. Fire, Earth, Air, and Water all combine their forces to create the awesome life giving power of the tree of life. From fire comes the power of the sun that imbues the tree with living light.

From earth comes the nourishment to the roots that combines its strength with the sun to provide the food that the tree needs to render its life giving power.

From the water comes the power to imbibe the vital essence of life that causes the fruit to grow and supply those who seek eternal life with the mystical power of its unique fruit.

From air, there is a communication exchange with the environment that benefits it and the tree.

The Christian Tree of Life and immortality...

In the Bible it was said that if you ate of the tree of life, that you would live forever. Since Adam and Eve ate of the tree of knowledge, they became conscious of their own evil, thereby nullifying their innocence. They were forbidden to eat of the tree of life for their own good because they would condemn themselves to eternal awareness of their own shortcomings. That is why they were cast out of the Garden of Eden, for their protection from that fate.

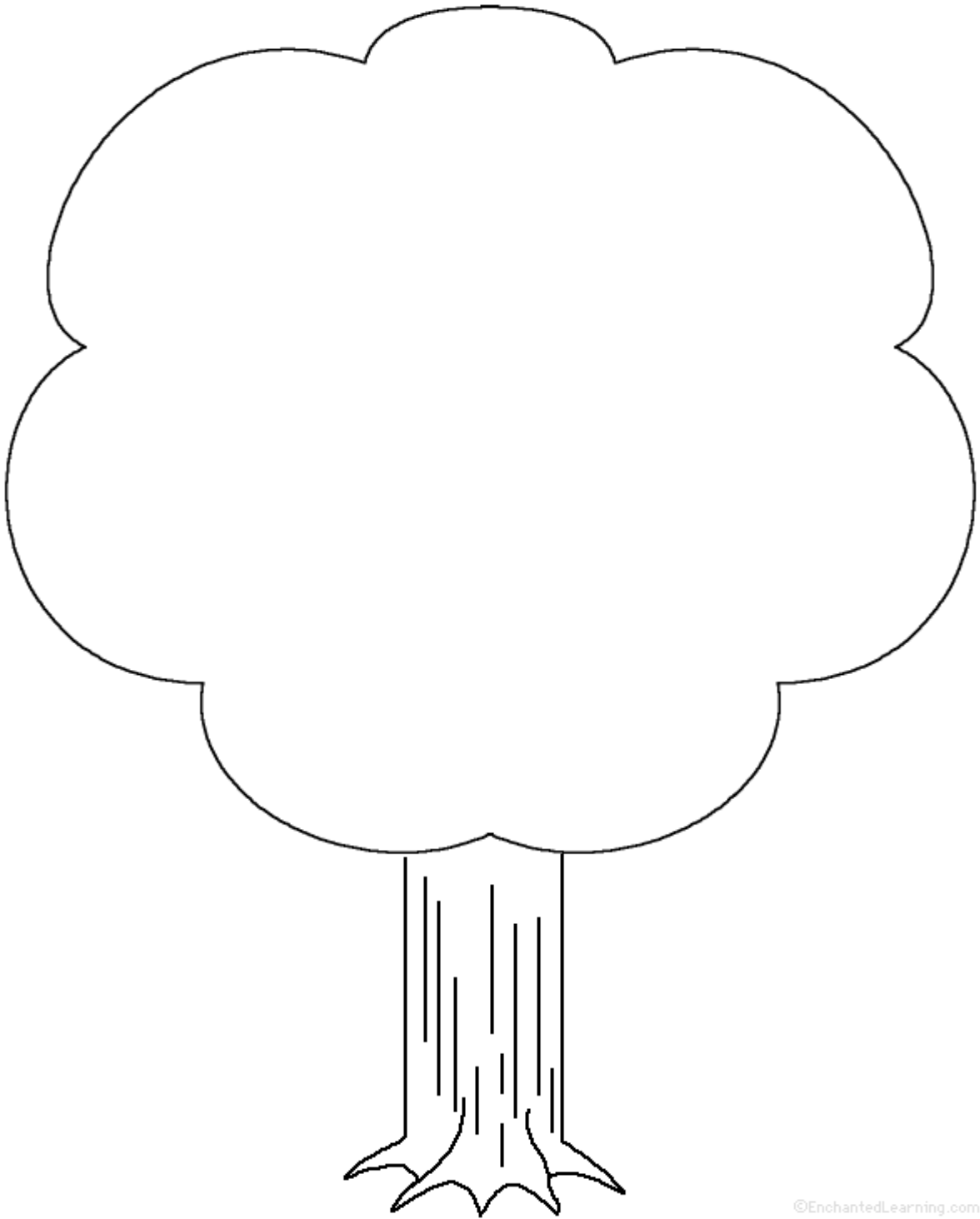
The Norse World Tree and the Tree of life...

The Norse World Tree is the pagan version of the tree of life. It encompasses all realms of existence and binds them together. It is eternal in nature, having no beginning, and no end. Its fruit is said to keep the gods youthful.

The Tree of Life is a symbol of immortality and the healing of the soul.

Describing A Tree


Write adjectives describing a tree in and around the tree.



Fill in the table.

				
Lithuanian				Poplar
				Šermukšnis
				Linden
English				Tuopa
				Rowan

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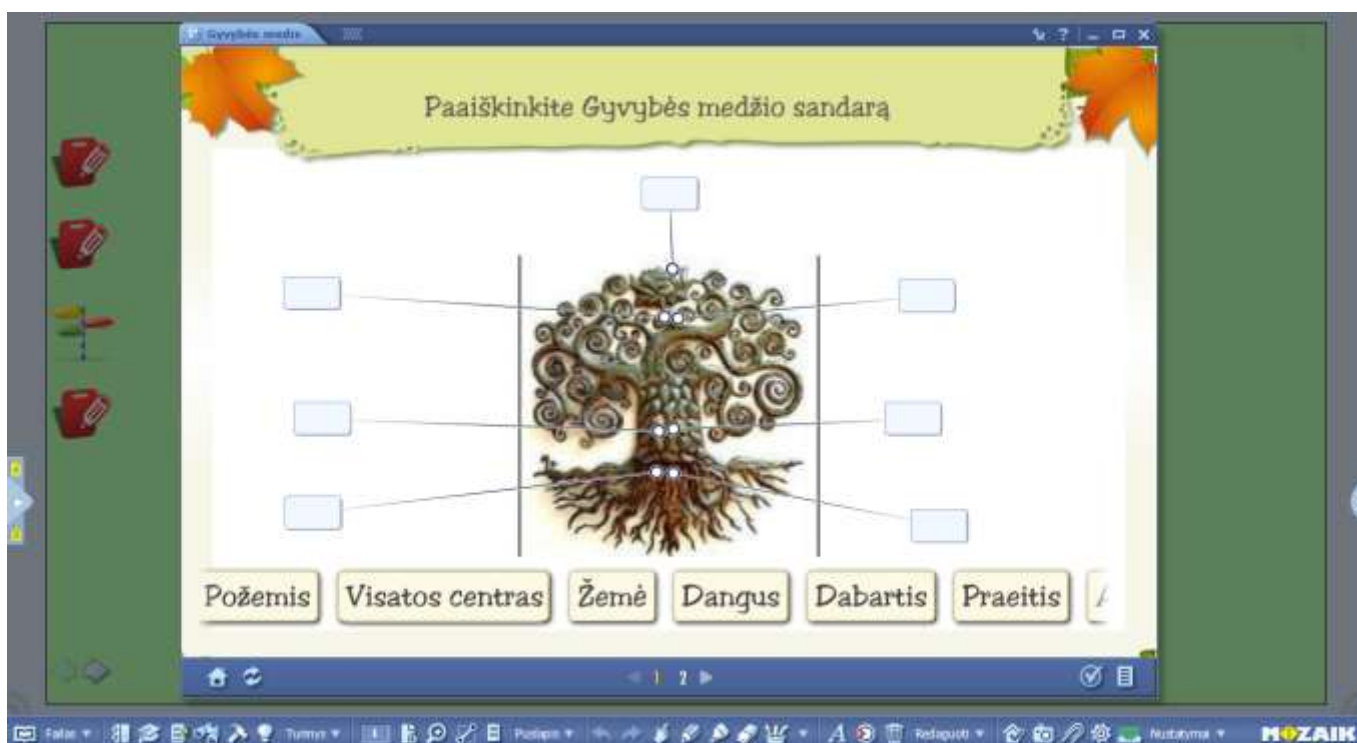


*Šaly kelio Jovaras stovėjo,
 Blaunasai žolyne rugeli.
 Iš pašaknų skambantys kankleliai,
 Blaunasai žolyne rugeli.
 Per vidurį dūzgiančios biteles,
 Blaunasai žolyne rugeli.
 Viršūnėlėj sakalo vaikeliai,
 Blaunasai žolyne rugeli.*

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Stovi medžias (qžuolas) su
drylika šakų, ant kiekvienos šakos
po keturis lizdus, kiekviename
lizde - po šešis vaikelius ir septinta
motina.



Koplytstulpiai



Sugrupuokite korteles

Požemis

Dangus

Žemė

Žuvis

Paukščiai

Saulė, mėnulis

Gyvuliai

Dievai

Gyvatės



Verpises



Arrange the items in the correct order.

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