



Lucille Ball

Objective: To learn about the life and career of Lucille Ball and her contributions to the entertainment industry; to analyze her role in the Women’s Rights movement; to explore the movie and radio industries and the early days of television.

Standards:

English – Language Arts

Standard 1 – Language for Information and Understanding

- Biographies and other readings about Lucille Ball
- *Love, Lucy* – her autobiography

Mathematics, Science, and Technology

Standard 5 – Technology

- Students will explore the history of the radio, television and movie industries

The Arts

Standard 1 – Creating, Performing and Participating in the Arts

- Students will view various episodes of ILL, then write their own and act it out; include director, cameraman, etc.

Standard 2 – Knowing and Using Arts Materials and Resources

- Students will explore the various films, television and radio shows of Lucille Ball, and glean understanding of those media

Standard 3 – Responding to and Analyzing works of Art

- Students will watch and respond to Lucy’s work

Standard 4 – Understanding the Cultural Contributions of the Arts

- Students will seek to understand the popularity of Lucille Ball, her contributions to our culture, and her universal popularity in other cultures

Career Development and Occupational Studies

Standard 1 – Career Development

- Explore careers related to television, radio, films

Social Studies

Standard 1 – History of the United States and New York

- Using the life of Lucille Ball, students will explore historic and cultural changes in Western New York and in the U.S.

Procedures:

- Students will begin by reading the enclosed “Lucy – a Brief Biography”.
- After becoming familiar with that biography, students will select areas of study from the standards above.
- Using the biography, topics underlined therein, and outside research materials, students will meet criteria for teacher-designed activities related to those standards.

Materials:

- Internet, encyclopedias, etc. for research
- Lucy’s biography *Love, Lucy*
- Films, video and audio tapes of Lucy’s TV and radio shows*

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NOTE: A visit to the Lucille Ball – Desi Arnaz center can provide many additional opportunities for research on the life and career of Lucille Ball. Please address the contact above for more information.