

Introducing Literary Devices in Edmodo: Foreshadowing

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This mini-lesson introduces a literary device. It also encourages an engaging and reflective class discussion of foreshadowing. Great lead-in for Edgar Allan Poe stories!

1. Students write a definition for foreshadowing. "In literature, the use of hints about things to come in later plot developments. It can be obvious, or it may be more subtle, involving the use of symbols that are connected to later turns in the plot."

(Common Core Curriculum Maps. 2012. Common Core Inc. 21 Apr. 2012.)

2. Embed "Alma" short film for students to view. Ask students to look for clues that hint at later plot developments as they view the film.

Video Link: <http://vimeo.com/4749536>

3. After viewing the film students respond to the following post with a reply: "Give an example of foreshadowing from 'Alma.' Include specific details that give the viewer clues about later plot developments. What effect does this have upon the story?"

(Students can share: the monster face on the store front, the mysterious opening and closing of doors, the doll on the bike trying desperately to escape, the eerie quality of the shop, etc.)

4. Review and discuss student responses in class.

5. Award students who provided clever insight a badge. I use my "Great Insight" badge.