Grade: 8

Topic: Etymology Chart

Instructional Unit: Persuasion

The Task:

Using appropriate references materials and resources, complete the following etymology chart for your assigned word.

Focus Standards:

ELA8R2. The student understands and acquires new vocabulary and uses it correctly in reading and writing; the student

- a. Determines pronunciations, meanings, alternate word choices, parts of speech, or etymologies of words.
- b. Determines the meaning of unfamiliar words in content and context specific reading and writing.

Circumstances of the Task:

Teachers may assign words or allow students to select their own words to investigate. Students could complete this task individually or with a partner.

Etymology Chart

Denotation – Definition of	Write your Word here:	Synonym (if possible)
word		
Connotation – Is the word		
positive or negative?		
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Part of Speech:		Antonym (if possible)
Syllabication: Break the word		
down into syllables		
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Draw a picture of your word in action:	Write 3 different prefixes or suffixes that are often attached	Describe the origin of your word as stated in the
action:	to this word, such as (root	dictionary.
	word) normal –abnormal,	dictional y.
	normally, etc. (if possible):	
	1.	
	2.	
	3.	
Write a paragraph in this	space using your word in	context.
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