

school students under the title of *Revenge Of The Whale: The True Story Of The Whaleship Essex, Adapted For Young People From In The Heart Of The Sea*.

*In the Heart of the Sea* serves as a metaphor for how we may understand our approach into a new world, an approach that may reflect more restraint and moderation rather than impulse and excess.

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Over 20 years of teaching students from all walks of life has led me to a unique philosophy called TLC3 for E. My philosophy leverages Technology, Literacy, Content, Curriculum, and Creativity for Educators seeking to give all students every opportunity to be successful. It blends a standards-based approach with authentic learning experiences to engage students and encourage lifelong learning.

The TLC3 for E philosophy is driven by a format I invented called A Template 4 Success. Each learning unit has its own unique template. The template provides an organized course plan, complete with appropriate content and documentation infused with 21st century skills. These essential skills include, but are not limited to; creativity, problem-solving, communicating, collaboration, decision making, entrepreneurship, and research. I have taken great steps to make the activities real, which allows students to take ownership of their learning. In addition, the template clearly communicates most, if not all, expectations to

students, parents, administrators, and the community.

The template is a flexible course design system that can easily be shared with new teachers as a starting point for course development, but flexible enough to help veteran teachers too. The template can be customized to the strengths and unique characteristics of any teacher. Also, the



template serves as a great tool for administrators that might be lacking content expertise to see how and when required content is being presented to students in class.

As my philosophy has taken shape over the years, I have found that it has allowed me to be more effective and efficient and that is why I wanted to share it with you.

Have a great school year and feel free to reach out of you wish to collaborate in the future!

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## The History of the Michigan Council for the Social Studies, 1956 – 2006: A Fifty Year Reflection

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