**Thomas Wolfe, His Family and Look Homeward, Angel**

**Post-Visit Lessons**

The following materials will serve as a post-visit lesson to wrap up a visit to the Thomas Wolfe Memorial. There are two parts to the lesson. Part One provides information about Thomas Wolfe and bullying in his childhood. Part Two provides information about the architecture of the Old Kentucky Home and how the boarding house affected Tom’s writings.

**Learning Objectives:**

At the end of this lesson, students will be able to:

* … name Thomas Wolfe as an author from Asheville who wrote *Look Homeward, Angel*.
* … identify ways in which Thomas Wolfe shows bullying in *Look Homeward, Angel.*
* … identify Queen Anne style as an architectural style.
* … explain how the architecture of the Old Kentucky Home showed up in Thomas Wolfe’s writing.

**North Carolina Standards and Common Core Standards**

Social Studies

* 8.H.3.2- Explain how changes brought about by technology and other innovations affected individuals and groups in North Carolina and the United States.

English Language Arts

* CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.4- Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies.
* CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RH.6-8.6- Identify aspects of a text that reveal an author’s point of view or purpose.
* CCSS.ELA.Literacy.RL.8.1- Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
* CCSS.ELA.Literacy.RL.8.2- Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot; provide an objective summary of the text.

**Vocabulary:**

Part 1

* Infallible - incapable of making mistakes or being wrong
* Deficient - a lack of something that is needed : the state of not having enough of something necessary
* Suppliantly - making or expressing a plea, especially to someone in power or authority
* Yelping - utter a short sharp cry of pain or alarm
* Entreaty - to ask (a person) earnestly; beseech; implore; beg
* Pogroms - The organized destruction of an ethnic group is called a pogrom. The word comes to English via the similar Yiddish and Russian words; pogrom literally means “devastation”
* Fetich - An abnormally obsessive preoccupation or attachment; a fixation
* Furtive - characterized by stealth; sly and secretive
* Alienate - cause (someone) to feel isolated or estranged
* Sniggering - a sly or disrespectful laugh, especially one partly stifled
* Convulsive - involving or causing a sudden violent shaking of the muscles in your body that you are unable to control: causing the entire body to shake

Part 2

* Balloon framing- type of construction that has continuous studs running from the sill, or bottom, plate to the top plate with intermediate floor structures nailed into frame
* Stucco- a material made from aggregate (sand, gravel, and crushed stone), a binder, and water and is commonly used as a decorative coating for walls and ceilings
* Gable- the triangular upper part of a wall between the sloping ends of a pitched roof
* Crown molding- molding to designed to cap the top of a wall with a decorative flare
* Cross gable roof- two or more gable rooflines that intersect
* Eaves- the overhanging lower edge of a roof
* Façade- the front of a building
* Canted bay- a bay with angled sides
* Dentil- any of a series of closely spaced, small, rectangular blocks
* Hood molding- a projecting molding on the wall above an arch
* Pediment- a triangular space that forms the gable of a low-pitched roof and usually contains decoration
* Casement window- a window that is attached to its frame by one or more hinges on the side
* Sash- the framework in which panes of glass are set in a window

**Online Resources**

The websites below provide additional information about Thomas Wolfe, his family, and the Old Kentucky Home.

* The Thomas Wolfe Memorial State Historic Site- <http://wolfememorial.com/>
* The Thomas Wolfe Society- <http://www.thomaswolfe.org/>
* UNC Thomas Wolfe Collection- <http://www2.lib.unc.edu/ncc/ref/tw/bio.html>
* NC Historic Sites Wolfe Memorial Information Page <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/wolfe/wolfe.htm>
* North Carolina Encyclopedia, “Thomas Wolfe”- <http://ncpedia.org/biography/wolfe-thomas>
* North Carolina Encyclopedia, “Architecture”- <http://ncpedia.org/architecture/overview>
* Housing Styles, “Windows, Doors, Roofs, and Housing Styles” - <http://www.uen.org/Lessonplan/preview.cgi?LPid=5079>