## Stephen Foster Lesson Assessment Rubric

	4 Exemplary	3 Accomplished	2 Developing	1 Beginning
Reading Comprehension	Thorough understanding of the primary and secondary source material demonstrated. Answers worksheet questions completely. Exhibits critical thinking in interpreting texts.	Sufficient understanding of primary and secondary source material demonstrated. Answers worksheet questions sufficiently. Exhibits some critical thinking in interpreting texts.	Limited understanding of the primary and secondary source material demonstrated. Answers worksheet questions partially. Exhibits a limited level of critical thinking in interpreting texts.	Minimal understanding of the primary and secondary source material demonstrated. Answers to worksheet questions are incomplete. Exhibits a minimal level of critical thinking in interpreting texts.
Partner Work	Worked cooperatively with partner. Listened and spoke an appropriate amount.	Usually worked cooperatively with partner. Listened and spoke an appropriate amount.	Had trouble working cooperatively with partner. Had trouble listening and speaking an appropriate amount.	Was usually uncooperative with partner. Did not listen or speak an appropriate amount.
Conventions of Written Work	Evident control of grammar, mechanics, usage, and sentence formation.	Sufficient control of grammar, mechanics, usage, and sentence formation.	Significant weaknesses in control of grammar, mechanics, usage, and sentence formation.	Severe weaknesses in control of grammar, mechanics, usage, and sentence formation.
Ballad Format	Ballad has two stanzas; each stanza consists of four lines, and the second and fourth lines rhyme.	Ballad has two stanzas; each stanza consists of four lines; an attempt is made to rhyme the second and fourth lines, but it is limited.	Ballad has one stanza; it consists of four lines, but the second and fourth lines do not rhyme.	Ballad has one stanza and or it does not consist of four lines; there is no attempt at rhyming.
Historical Facts in Ballad	More than four historical facts about Stephen Foster and/or the election of 1856 are included in the ballad.	Three or four historical facts about Stephen Foster and/or the election of 1856 are included in the ballad.	One or two historical facts about Stephen Foster and/or the election of 1856 are included in the ballad.	No historical facts about Stephen Foster and/or the election of 1856 are included in the ballad.