WV TREE Resource:

English Language Arts

Resource Name: Socratic Circles for The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass

Grade Level(s): 11th grade

Resource Summary/Overview: Students will use Cloze Reading of The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass to develop explanations to questions.

Length: 7 or 8-45 minute periods, 1 period to give assignment and explain how Socratic circles work; 4 periods for students to develop responses to prompts utilizing the text and any additional research to develop ideas; 2-3 periods to complete Socratic circles

Domain(s) Addressed: (Reading, Writing, Speaking/Listening, and/or Language)

Reading, writing, speaking/listening

West Virginia College- and Career-Readiness Standards:

ELA.11.30 Initiate and effectively participate in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on *grade 11 topics, texts, and issues*, building on others’ ideas and expressing ideas clearly and persuasively.

* Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well-reasoned exchange of ideas.
* Work with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making; establish clear goals, deadlines, and individual roles as needed.
* Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that probe reasoning and evidence; ensure a hearing for a full range of positions on a topic or issue; clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions; and promote divergent and creative perspectives.
* Respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives; synthesize comments, claims, and evidence made on all sides of an issue; resolve contradictions when possible; and determine what additional information or research is required to deepen the investigation or complete the task.

Delivery Method(s): small group

Resource Materials: Copies of The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, teacher directions, computer with projector, The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass Socratic Seminar, Socratic Seminar Information, and Socratic Feedback Form

Resource Purpose(s): solidify understanding

Instructor Notes: see attachment of directions