



YA Literature

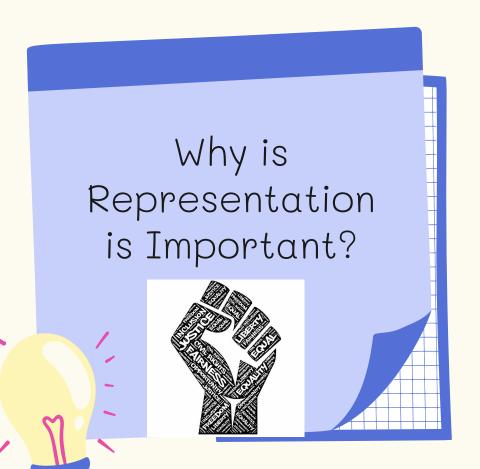
- Exposure to Young Adult
 Literature can help with
 students being understood.
- Exploration of global issues

Importance of Stories:

- To build connections with other backgrounds/cultures
- Understand others experience (Builds perspective)
- Expressing emotions
- Critical Thinking





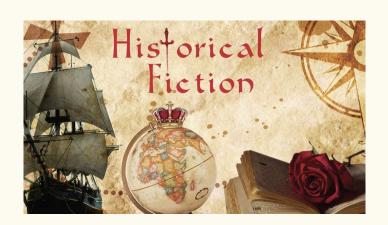


- Gives students a voice.
- There is a sense of belonging.
- They feel empowered to share their own stories.

Genres:

- Fiction
- Non Fiction
- Historical Fiction





Why is Critical Thinking Important?

What It Means To 'Think Critically'

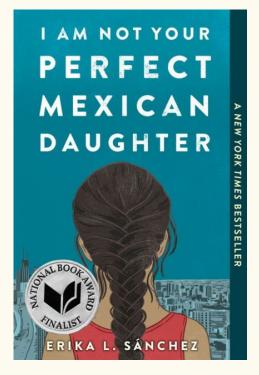
"Critical thinking is among the first causes for change, but is a pariah in schools --for no other reason than it conditions the mind to suspect the form and function of everything it sees, including your classroom & everything being taught in it."



 Critical thinking allows students to see situations or stories in different perspectives and help build empathy.

Introduction to Unit:

- Start off with journal prompts related to themes that will be in the novel that we will be reading.
- For ex:
 - "Why are stories important in your life?"

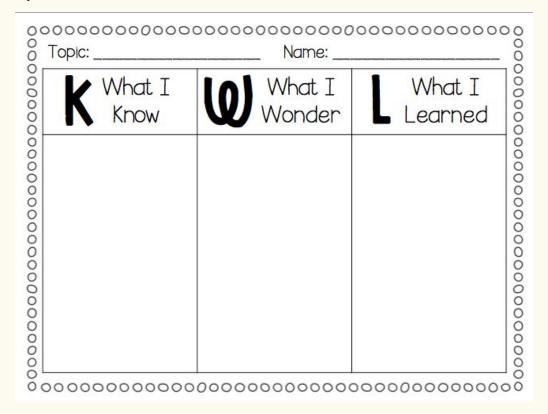


I am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika Sanchez

Reason to Teach This Novel:

- ™ Themes about generational trauma
- Representation
- © Connection to personal experiences.

Activity #1: KWL Chart



Activity #2: Themes and Literary Devices

Theme Statements vs. Topics

 Theme= a lesson the reader learns from the text; a universal truth; always written as a statement.

Ex: Life decisions can be hard.

Life has many roads

Regret can stifle a life.

Courage can be seen in unlikely people.

· Topics= one or two broad words

Ex: Choices, regret, journeys, adventure, love, happiness, empathy, isolation, courage

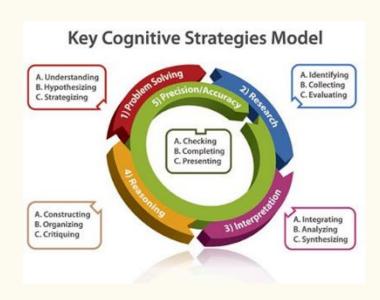


Activity #3: Pick a Quote Every Chapter

Quote:

Why you chose it? Why is it important:

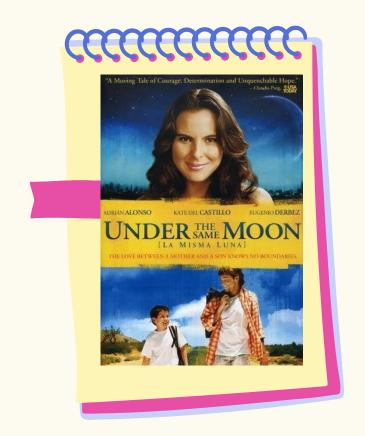
Activity #4: KCS (Key Cognitive Strategies)



KCS #1= Problem Solving – Understand,
Hypothesize and Strategize
KCS#2=Research – Identify & Collect
KCS#3= INTERPRETATION: Analyze,
Evaluate, Synthesize
KCS#4=Communication – Critique, Organize,
Construct/Revise

Concluding Unit: Bajo la Misma Luna Film

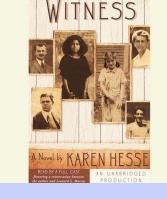
- Similar themes from novel
- A story through other creative outlets
- Experiences builds one's character



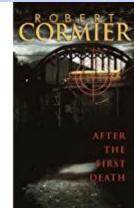
- The reflection paper in the film will focus on the themes or connect to own experiences.
- This short paper will also help with critical thinking from connections in novel and film.

Short Reflection about the Film:





Beyond the Text:





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