

WHAT IS IT?

Named after the Greek philosopher Socrates, a Socratic Seminar is a strategy used to engage students in meaningful dialogue and conversations. The teacher purposefully chooses a text that will spark curiosity and wonder. Socratic Seminars roles include the leader and the participants. The leader will pose an open-ended question with no right or wrong answers and should prompt the participants to cite the text to support their opinions. During the dialogue the leader acts as a facilitator and should be well versed with the text. A successful Socratic Seminar occurs when all students actively listen and participate.

IMPACT?

Socratic Seminars help students develop a deeper understanding of the text through inquiry, dialogue and questions. Students have the opportunity to ask and answer questions and to articulate their thoughts and ideas. Students also learn active listening strategies that will enhance their future conversations.

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