Responding to Literature:

Internal & External Responses To Conflict



Objectives:

- Students will analyze internal and external responses to conflicts within historical fiction.
- Students will explain the way in which characters change / develop throughout a story.
- Students will cite textual evidence when describing characters.

Procedure:

- 1. Students keep an ongoing list of words (adjectives) to describe a main character within a historical fiction novel (if reading shorter selections, focus on the main character in each selection).
- Students mark the text with sticky notes and write the adjectives on the note.
- 3. After finishing the text, students will choose the adjectives that describe the character's internal responses and those describing external behaviors in response to conflict.
- 4. Students will engage in discussions where in they state the description and cite the textual evidence for that choice.
- Students will discuss similarities and differences between characters.
- 6. Students may choose to complete an open-mind portrait, word cloud, or collage to represent one of the characters.