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Lesson 15. Literature Circle Meeting 2: Close Reading of Passages

In addition to preparing the journal required for each meeting, for this second meeting, focus on close reading by completing the following. In both your dialectic journal and your culture log, record at least five passages from your book to analyze in your meeting.

Activity 1: Discussion in Literature Circle Teams

Discuss the questions that your team members prepared for this meeting. You should also share insights from your dialectic journal and culture log.

Activity 2: Collaborative Close Reading

Select a few passages to read closely as a team. Mark the text using Google Drive and embed your work in our online space. To get the text in your document, either find an excerpt online, such as from Google Books or Amazon; take a picture; or type the excerpt. Make comments that note specific insights from your reading, including cultural references that explore either artifacts or characteristics of culture.

After your initial close reading of the passage, prepare to share your ideas with others and reread the passage and analyze it again. In review, to create a presentation of close reading related to your book, use the following steps as a guide:

- Start a Google presentation and share it with your literature circle team.
- Record the passage either by taking a picture of the text or by finding the excerpt online.
- Add the passage to a Google presentation.
- Respond to the text with comment features on Google Drive.
- Embed your presentation on your project page of our online class space.

Activity 3: Review Close Reading Passages From Other Literature Circle Groups

Share today's notes and close reading on your online literature circle space. Then visit at least one other literature circle team's notes and close reading. When you read the work of other teams, consider how the team analyzed the passage for insights, connections to essential questions, and cultural references. You should see a variety of approaches to this work; however, you should also see careful and thoughtful connections relevant to our essential questions for study in the unit "Reading Our World and Exploring Perspectives: Identity and Culture."

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