

## Lesson 17. Literature Circle Meeting 3: Intertextual Connections

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In addition to preparing your discussion questions, dialectic journal, and cultural log required for each literature circle meeting, for this third meeting, complete the following. Identify and bring in at least two outside texts that relate to an analysis of the novel and your cultural inquiry questions. Remember that texts include print, images, film, and other forms of media.

### **Activity 1: Literature Circle Discussion of Text**

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

### **Activity 2: Cultural Inquiry Questions and Outside Texts**

Share your culture inquiry questions with your team. Then, share your outside texts that relate to your analysis of the novel and your cultural inquiry questions.

Provide a brief overview of the texts that you brought today.

- Why did you select these texts?
- What did you learn from these texts?
- How do the texts relate to the novel?
- How do the texts relate to your questions?

Share your group discussion notes on our online class space.

### **Activity 3: Reflecting Through Blog Discussion on Youth Voices**

Post an individual blog entry on Youth Voices to share your thinking about inquiry questions, your novel, and outside texts.

### **Activity 4: Introduction to Inquiry-Based Research Essay**

Review the handout "Inquiry-Based Research Essay: Cultural Awareness and Analysis." Remember this assignment builds on everything you have been doing with inquiry, including your work with your literature circle book.

As you read the inquiry-based research essay assignment, in the margins, jot down questions you have about what you are being invited to do.

Using either a highlighter on print text or a highlighting tool for a digital text, mark the assignment to draw your attention to key aspects of the assignment.

As homework, review your questioning and speculating reflections and all of your notes on the development of your ideas related to your own inquiry questions. Determine what inquiry question you will explore for your inquiry-based research essay. That is, clearly identify your focus question and topic.