

Some Common Teaching Strategies

Socratic Seminar (personal connections to text through discussion of an enduring question)

Structured Academic Controversy (e.g. deliberation over how to solve a social problem)

Primary Document Analysis (analysis of a text to reveal elements of historical context at time of production through looking at author and potential audiences)

Think-Pair-Share

Jigsaw Reading

Student-Directed Investigation (e.g. Web-quest, student directed internet scavenger hunt in library)

Questioning

Body Sculpture (or skit)

Gallery walk

Mock Government (trial/cabinet/legislature/committee hearing/town meeting/UN Assembly)

Generated Poetry

Guided Viewing (film/documentary)

Guided Listening (interview/guest speaker/song)

Guided Reading (primary documents, editorials, political cartoons, textbooks)

Art Work (create political cartoon/interpretive drawing)

Literature Circle/Student Book Clubs

Quick Writes and Free Writes

Concept Mapping (and other graphic organizers: cause/effect; KWL; main idea/supporting detail)

Lecture with Teacher-Provided Handout

Lecture with Student-Generated Note-Taking

Direct Instruction/Lecture

Dramatization

Student-Directed Project

Class Discussion (in many varied forms)

Student Presentations

Games (in many varied forms, e.g. game shows like Jeopardy & etc.)

Connections to Pop-Culture

Fieldtrips

Student Map-Making