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WRITING AND DIALOGUE WORKSHOP LESSON PLAN

Topic: Voices of Girls for Sale

Lesson Description

This lesson will teach students about human trafficking through reading, discussing, and writing poetry

Educational Standards Addressed

National Education Standards

NL-ENG.K-12.1

NL-ENG.K-12.3

Materials

Paper, pencils

Vocabulary Words

Trafficking, Couplet, Commodity, Superseding, Comrades, Extracted, Debaucherous, Charades, Demoralized, Atrocities,

LESSON OUTLINE

I. Introduction

3 # minutes

Instructor will begin by introducing him/herself, the purpose of the workshop and the topic for the day. Instructor will also introduce the topic of human trafficking and all of the different ways in which people can be trafficked and used once they have been trafficked. Instructor can talk about the history going back thousands of years in different cultures all the way to modern trafficking.

II. Definition of Terms

7 # minutes

Instructor will introduce or review definitions for the above list of words.

III. Introductory Activity & Discussion

15 # minutes

Instructor will read the poem Enslaved by Margaret Bailey with students and discuss the meaning of the poem, imagery, and comparisons or contrast with student experiences.

IV. Modeling Activity

5 # minutes

Instructor will present a response poem using couplets. Instructor will explain to students what a couplet is and why the use of a form to describe the subject of human trafficking can be a metaphor for confinement.

V. Individual Activity

15 # minutes

Assign students to create a poem using the couplet form to describe human trafficking from the point of view of a person who is being trafficked.

VI. Presentation Activity

12 # minutes

Participants will share poems with the class.

VII. Conclusion

3 # minutes

Instructor will collect student work and dismiss students.

TOTAL

60 # MINUTES

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Enslaved: Human Trafficking

By Margaret Bailey

Beautiful women travel from distant lands for a better life,
They see the red, white and blue as relief,
Yet, when they arrive,
They are coerced into misery and grief,
Sold like cattle to the highest bidders,
Used repeatedly to launder dollars,
Innocent foreigners caught up in slavery,
No one says anything because it boosts the economy,
Flesh being traded and used over and over again,
Superseding drugs as monetary gain,
Human beings have become an expensive commodity,
Enslaved and trapped for the use of their bodies,
Some are victims of their own comrades,
who have come to America and extracted
the debaucherous charades,
Holding women hostage with the new games
they have learnt,
until they are demoralized and their souls are burnt,
Who watches over these atrocities?
When the "oldest profession" keeps those
in power happy,
Enslavement of foreign women is everywhere
imaginable,
It's time the World did something about it!
Instead of remaining silent as if it never happens.....

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