LESSON PLAN

Inspirations from Gandhi

South Brunswick High School

Overview
Students will work with a partner to create motivational poster based on famous quotes by Gandhi.

Lesson Objectives
- Students will be able to give examples of non-violent protests led by Gandhi, students will explain what makes Gandhi a man of character.
- Students will develop teamwork skills by creating a motivational poster with a partner.

Materials Needed
- Poster Paper
- Markers/Crayons/Colored Pencils
- Access to computer to look up items students are trying to draw.

Procedures
- Class will begin with a “Do Now” posted on the board for students to complete as they arrive in class. 
  Do Now: In your journals list five reasons why Gandhi is considered a man of character. What actions did Gandhi lead in his lifetime to support your reasons? After students have completed the “Do Now” students will discuss their answers with the class. Teachers should lead the discussion by asking, “What actions did Gandhi lead in his lifetime to be considered a man of character?” “What other leaders can we compare to Gandhi?” “How do you demonstrate kindness to others?” “Can you think of a time that you chose to demonstrate kindness to others/a stranger? How did you feel when you did this?” “Do you believe humans have a moral responsibility to be kind to others? Why or why not?”
- After the discussion teachers should explain the plan for the day and have students find a partner. Students are to work with their partner to create a motivational poster based on the words of Gandhi. Students should be given 20-30 minutes to create their poster.
- Once the groups have completed making their poster students should present their drawings to the class.
- Class will conclude with a follow up discussion on character and how one can use these words of wisdom to do the right thing.

Assessment
- Journals will be collected and graded for detail and accuracy.
- Class participation grades will be given based on student performance in their groups and during their presentations.

Extensions and Adaptations
- Lesson can be prefaced by using the Gandhi power point and showing students the Gandhi film.
- Teachers can use this lesson to compare and contrast Gandhi’s non-violent protest to Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, and the Civil Rights Movement.
- Students can complete a project on famous leaders.
- To help students who may not be comfortable with their artwork teachers can allow students to create a power point slide instead of drawing the picture.
• Teachers may have students select groups or assign groups based on student’s abilities. (Mixed ability groups to help students who need extra assistance.)

Related Links and Resources

Gandhi Quotes:
http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/m/mohandas_gandhi.html
http://thinkexist.com/quotes/mahatma_gandhi/
Information on Gandhi with more links:
http://www.dadalos.org/int/vorbilder/vorbilder/gandhi/gandhi.htm
Gandhi Inspirational Posters
Gandhi Questions
Gandhi PowerPoint

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