

# BETTER, FASTER, STRONGER, AND MORE CIVICALLY AWARE

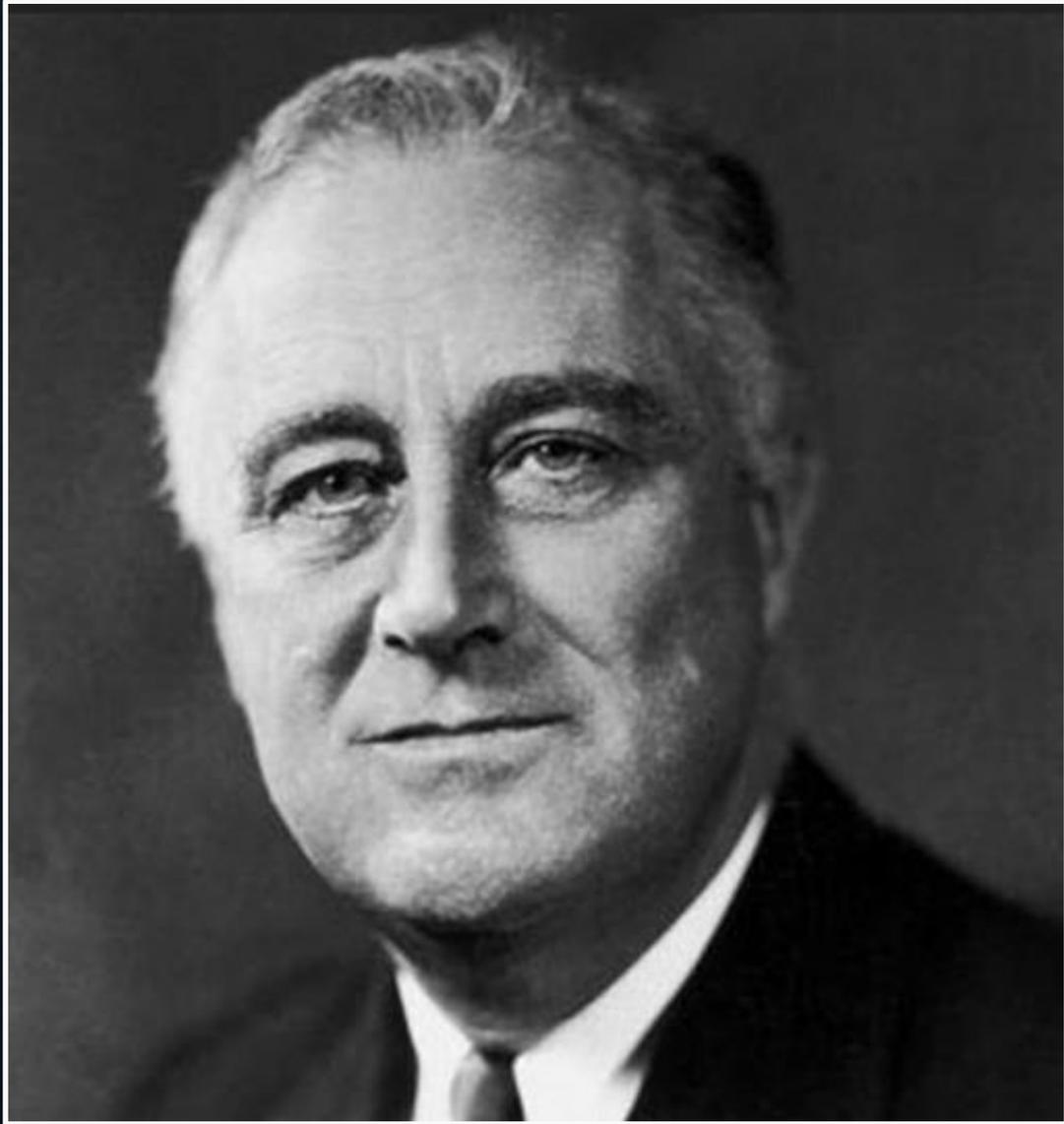


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“We cannot build the future for our youth—but we can build our youth for the future.”

Franklin D. Roosevelt



# Are they ready?

- Critical Thinking
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Creativity

# Building a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Student



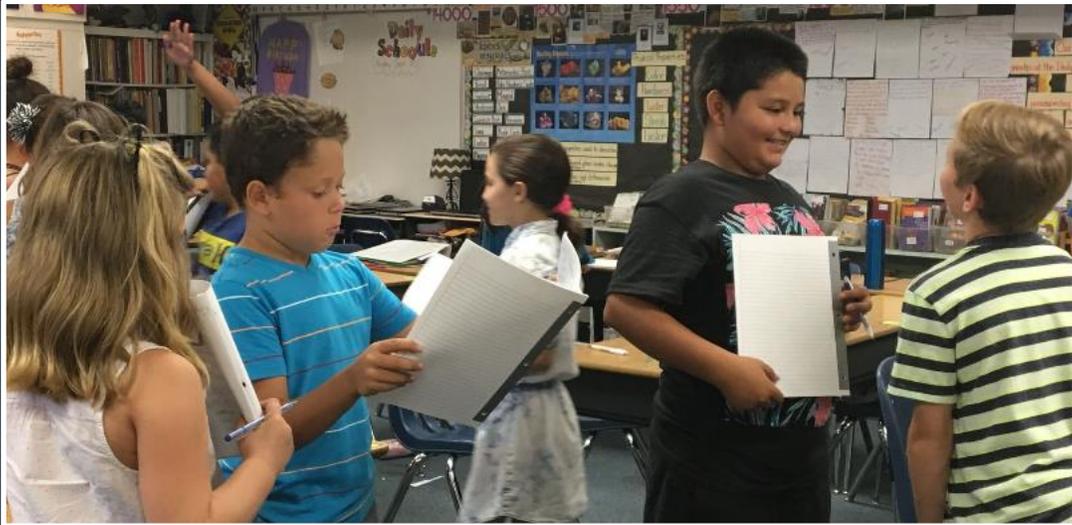
- Foster a sense of community
- Encourage active listening
- Structure speaking opportunities using collaborative conversation, Socratic Seminar, and Soapbox Speeches
- Utilize Project Based Learning
- Nurturing the civic voice

# Foster a Sense of Community

- Create a warm inviting environment
- Set classroom norms for all members of the classroom including the teacher
- Informal interaction with students outside the classroom setting
- Flexible seating
- In class experts
- Daily routine with posted schedule
- Laughter
- Fun



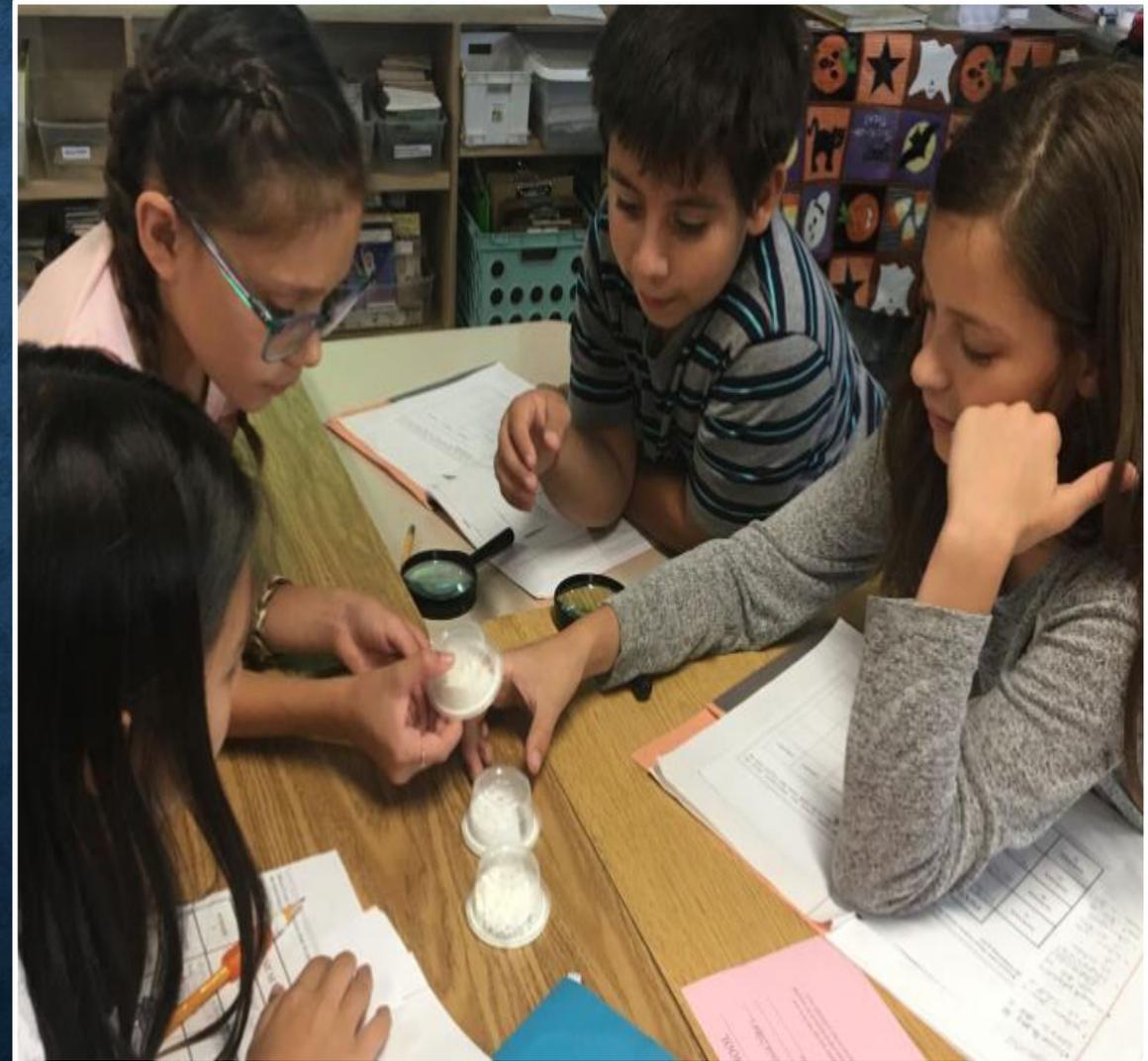
# STRUCTURE SPEAKING OPPORTUNITIES



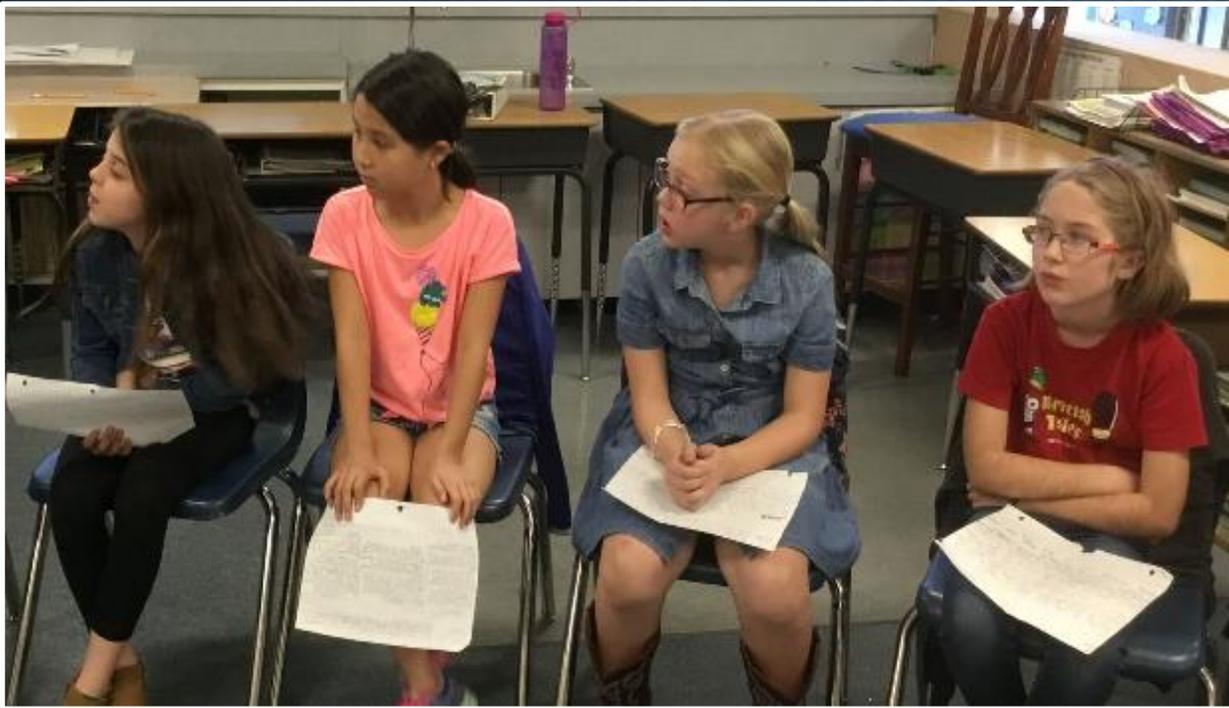
- Think Pair Share
- Line Discussions
- Gallery Walks
- Jigsaw
- Find a partner
- Partner Reading
- The expert chair
- “Cardma” (using cards to group students)
- Cooperative Learning

**“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.”**

**~John F. Kennedy~**



# ENCOURAGE ACTIVE LISTENING



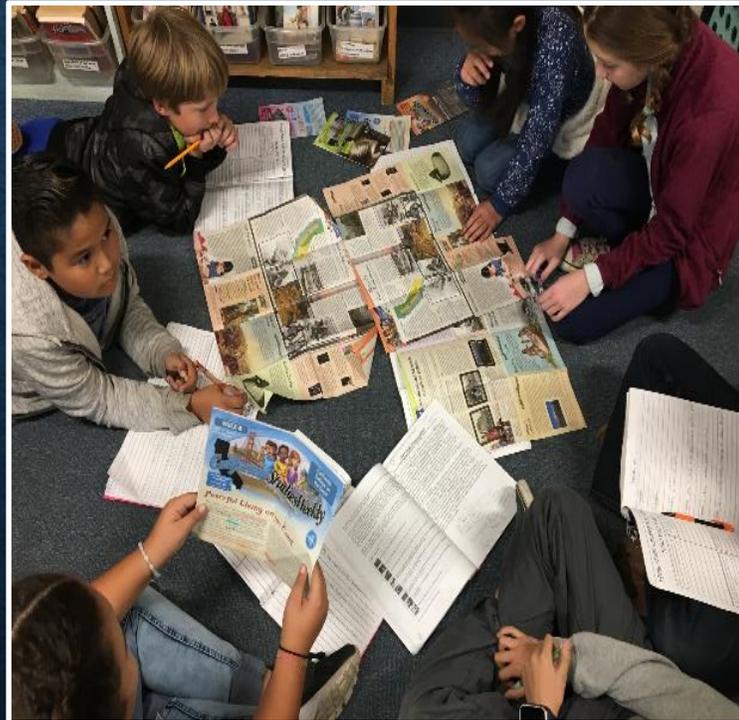
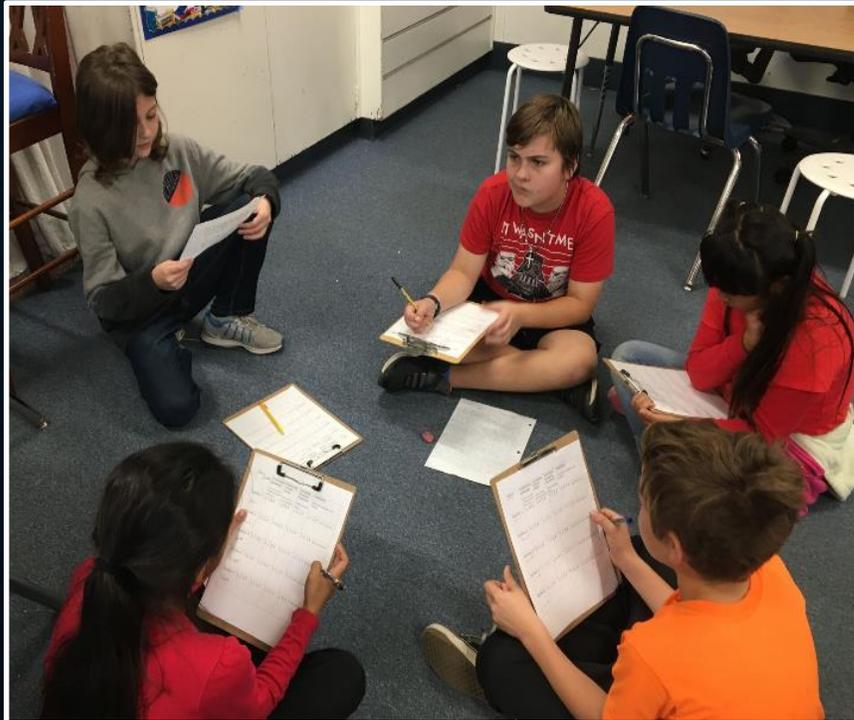
- Model, Model, Model
- Use Conversation Frames
- Make listening fun



# COLLABORATIVE CONVERSATION

Constructing meaning is a primary goal of collaborative conversations. Engaged dialogue helps learners build knowledge, increase vocabulary, and identify evidence to support thinking.

**Is there a difference between discussion and conversation?**



# SOCRATIC SEMINAR

- Socratic seminar is a formal discussion, based on a text
- Open-ended questions
- Listen closely to the comments of others
- Think critically for themselves
- Articulate their own thoughts
- Responses to the thoughts of others
- Learn to work cooperatively
- To question intelligently
- Be civil

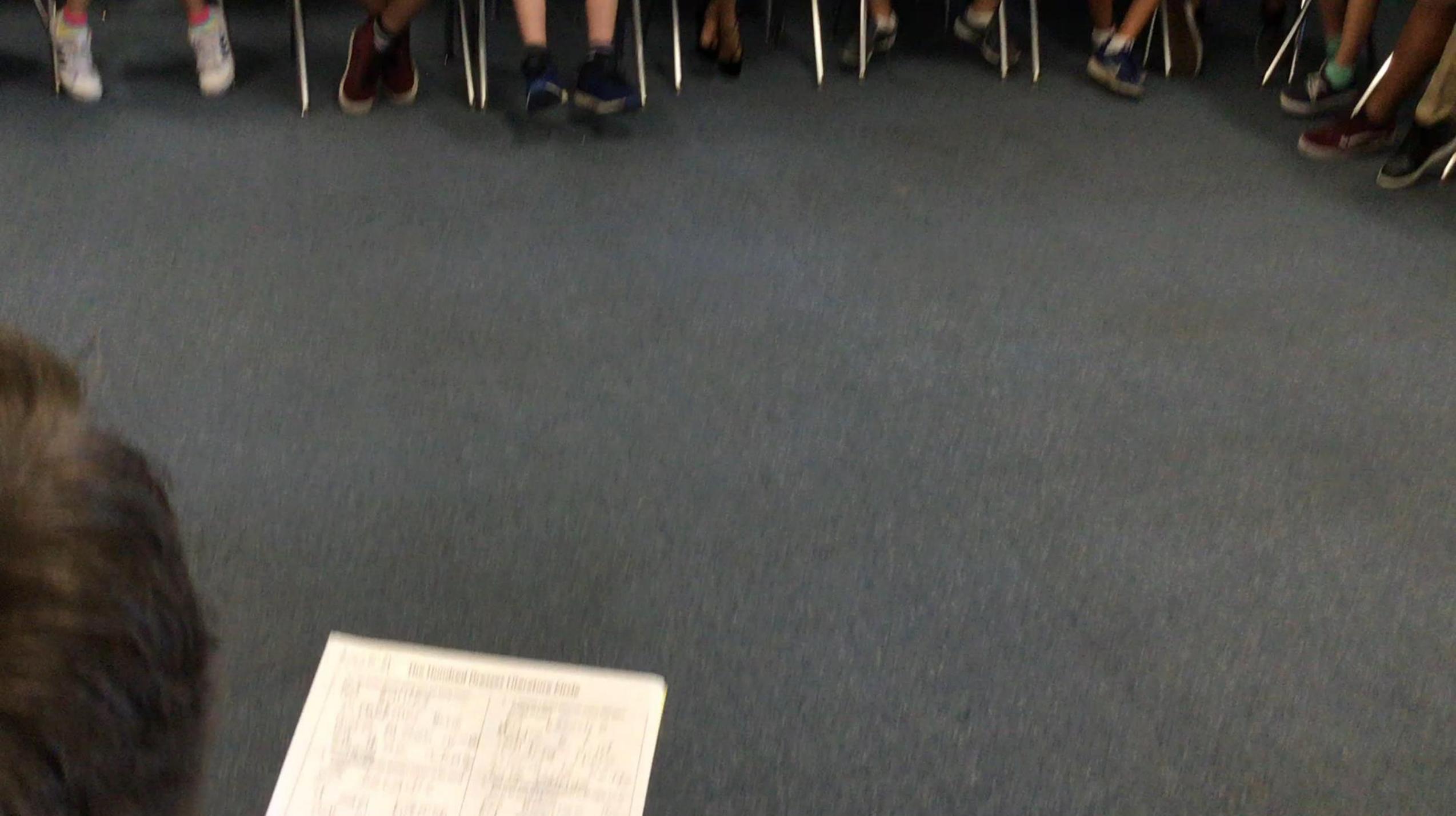


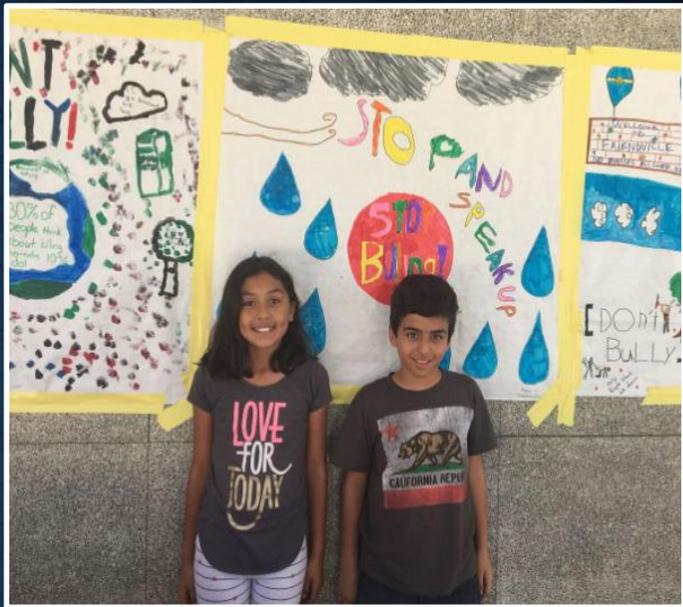
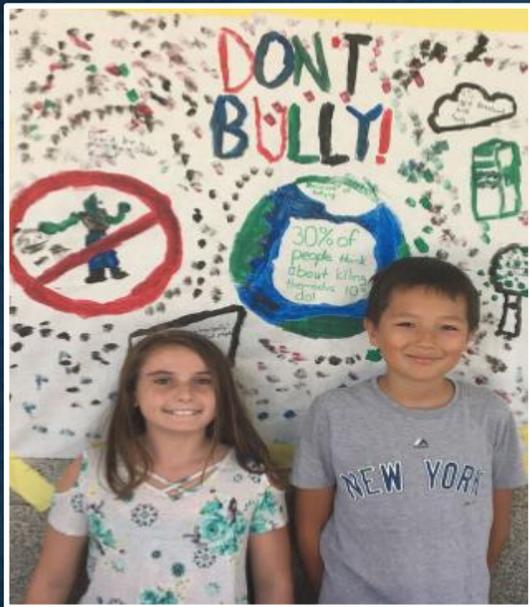


# CONNECT CONTENT TO THE REAL WORLD

- Social Studies does not just occur during a 40-minute block of time
- High quality civic instruction cross all academic subjects
- CNN10







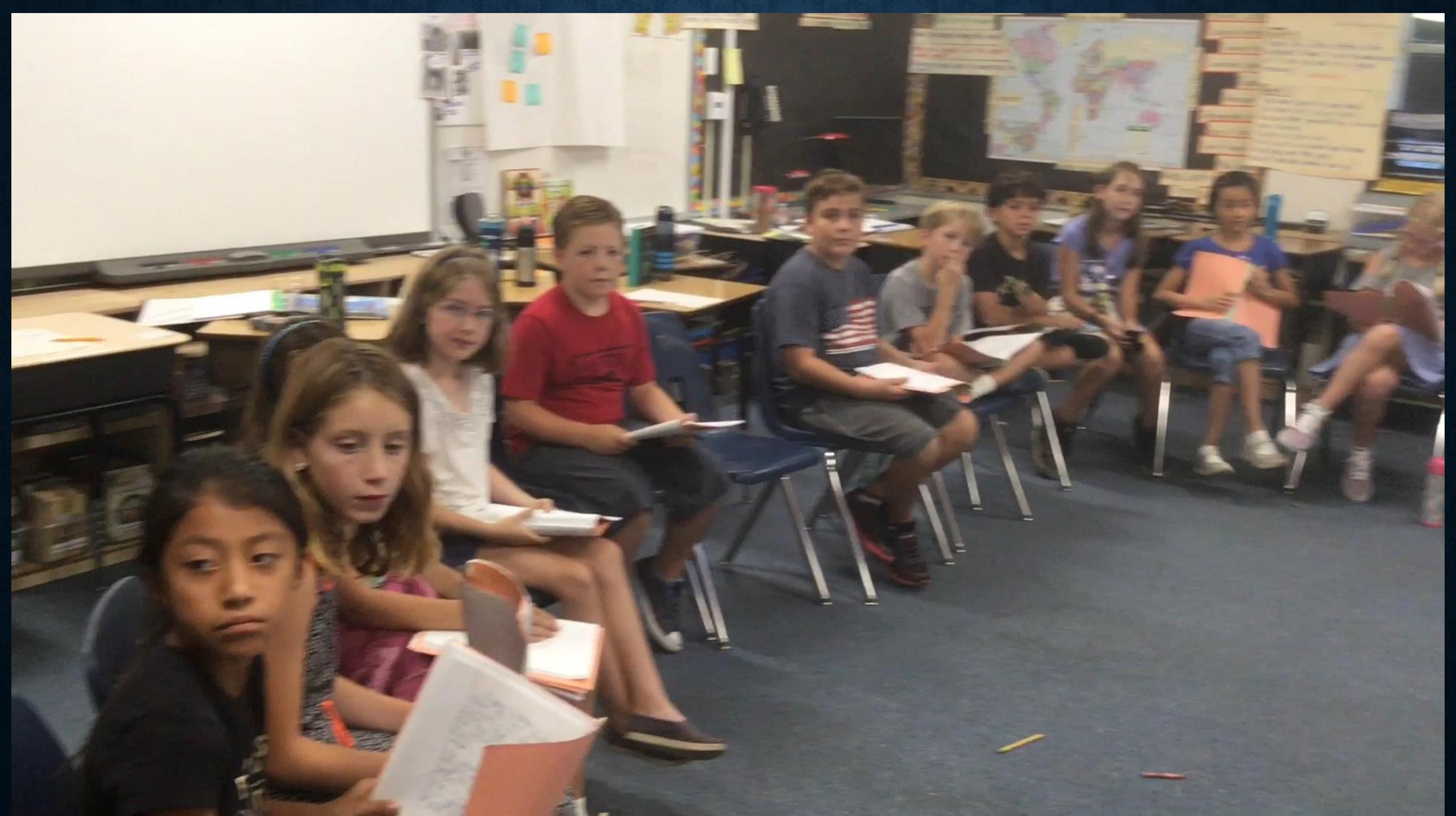
Elmer is Corrupt  
because he lies to  
animals and he is  
irresponsible but he  
is brave and courteous.  
In Ch. 1, the text states,  
"We have a nice furnace."

think Elmer is a bad  
citizen because he  
lied to his mom and  
he would get in the  
habit and start lying  
in public.

# Elmer's dragon

Is Elmer a good citizen?





# SOAPBOX SPEECHES

- Two-minutes long speeches
- A soapbox speech is about an issue that the student identifies, not an assigned topic
- It addresses a specific topic
- It includes a call to action



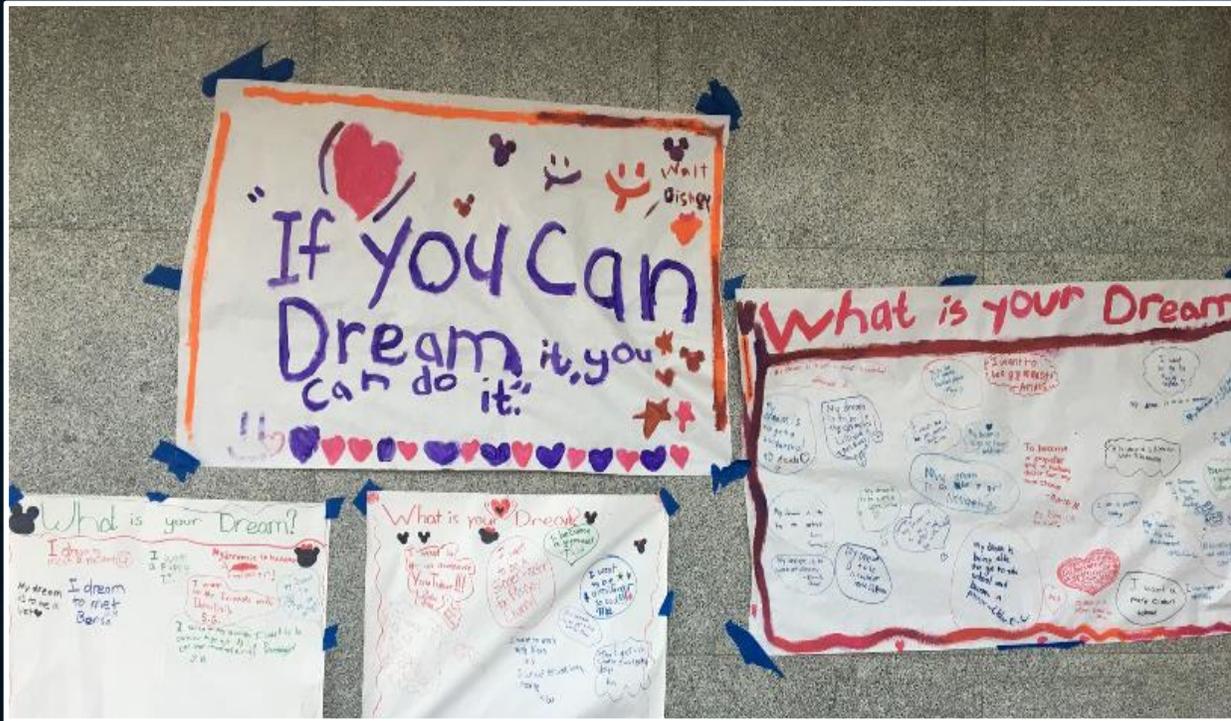


# Project based learning

Project-based learning focuses on developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills in the students. Its inquiry-based method of learning to solve the problems given as projects to the students is a style of active learning.



# NURTURING CIVIC VOICES



I joined the Looking Glass Club because it seemed to draw me to it. The idea I had was that I could change a lot of people and students perspective on the whole world. All I can say is it has changed my perspective on the whole world.

**Vito Clarizio 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Student**

# NOT JUST BETTER STUDENTS, BETTER PEOPLE

I + better to try  
the not try at all  
TV & V

Spoke is  
in the  
classroom

"This is the room  
where everything  
happens"  
- Joseph Luce

"If you ask  
questions you  
will succeed."

of Gabriel  
&

do not,  
is no try"  
in Star Wars,  
empor - strikes

If you don't like  
to have fun you  
are in the wrong  
class.  
S.L.B

to something  
help someone  
not for a  
reward,  
out of  
Kindness?  
Detaney  
May

"If you  
come here  
to be bored,  
you are in  
the wrong class."  
- C.E.W

Advice from  
a geode - Look  
deeper than the  
surface. Inside,  
there could be  
something beautiful  
inside.



Knowledge  
is the key,  
follow the  
key.

Sophia P.

"This class  
is full of  
memories,  
laughs, happiness  
and of course  
Fun"

Sophia Garcia

Learn, listen,  
and have fun and  
follow your  
dream. ☺  
By: Lilly  
♡

# RESOURCES

## Socratic Discussion:

- <https://www.facinghistory.org/resource-library/teaching-strategies/socratic-seminar>
- <https://www.paideia.org/socratic-seminar-topics/>

## Collaborative Conversation Sentence Frames:

- [http://www.illinoisliteracyinaction.org/uploads/4/0/7/1/40712613/6\\_collaborative\\_conversation\\_sentence\\_stems\\_jb.pdf](http://www.illinoisliteracyinaction.org/uploads/4/0/7/1/40712613/6_collaborative_conversation_sentence_stems_jb.pdf)

## Project Based Learning:

- [https://www.bie.org/about/what\\_pbl](https://www.bie.org/about/what_pbl)