Turning great books into GREAT INSTRUCTION.

By integrating intentional social/emotional development into every lesson, we turn barriers to learning into the very tools that accelerate literacy.

Lesson Planning for Impact.

Reading with Relevance breaks each of our selected novels into a series of thoughtful lesson plans. Each lesson is designed to support teachers to meaningfully explore the social and emotional themes of the day’s reading.

Beginning with Intention.

Each lesson begins with a social/emotional theme that informs every aspect of the lesson and sets out a guiding question for students to consider. We also preview vocabulary and recap the prior day’s reading.

**SEL Theme in Action:**

Ask your students about a time when they have had to take charge of a situation in order to get their needs met. What did it feel like to take initiative in their lives?

Discussion That Engages.

Intentional discussion questions allow educators to invite meaningful conversations with students about the themes and content in each day’s reading.

**Discussion In Action:**

- Delphine says there is a difference between a mother and a mom. What do you think about this?
- Why does Cecile keep calling Fern “Little Girl”? How do you think this makes Fern feel?
- Why do the white tourists ask to take a picture of the sisters? How would this make you feel?

Inspired, Reflective Writing.

Thoughtful writing prompts and essay tasks provide opportunities for students to connect the story to their own lives, while developing their writing skills.

**Inspired Writing In Action:**

Delphine says, “We all have our la-la-la song. The things we do when the world isn't singing a very nice tune to us. We sing our own nice tune to drown out the ugly.”

What helps you drown out the unpleasant things in life?
- What do you do to cope with difficult moments and experiences?
- How do these things make you feel better?
- What suggestions do you have for someone else going through a difficult time?

Creative Activities.

Help students bring the story to life with engaging extension and appendix activities - a way to ensure that every student finds a way to connect with the text. These illustrated, designed, and reproducible student worksheets provide another avenue for exploring the book’s themes.

**Creativity In Action:**

The students at the center are going to a rally to support the ideas of the Black Panther Party. Today, it’s your turn to take a stand! Create a poster to voice your support for a cause that feels important to you. Make sure to write about why this cause matters to you so much!

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