

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to engage in critical thinking and discussion using the Socratic method.

Materials and Prep

- Pen and paper
- Quiet space for discussion
- Familiarity with the concept of questioning and critical thinking

Activities

- **Socratic Questioning:** Practice asking open-ended questions to explore a topic or idea. For example, "Why do you think the character made that decision?"
- **Debate Time:** Choose a topic of interest and have a friendly debate with a family member or friend using the Socratic method to argue your points.
- **Philosophical Journal:** Reflect on a thought-provoking question in a journal and write down your own Socratic responses.

Talking Points

- **What is the Socratic method?** - "The Socratic method is a way of teaching and discussing ideas by asking questions to stimulate critical thinking."
- **Why is questioning important?** - "Asking questions helps us explore ideas, think deeper, and understand different perspectives."
- **How can we use the Socratic method in everyday life?** - "We can use the Socratic method to have meaningful discussions, solve problems, and learn from others."
- **What are the benefits of using the Socratic method?** - "It helps us develop our reasoning skills, improve communication, and think more critically about the world around us."