

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will have a deeper understanding of the themes, characters, and narrative style in "Hysteria" by Megan Miranda. They will also develop critical thinking skills by analyzing the text and expressing their thoughts creatively through various activities.

Materials and Prep

- "Hysteria" by Megan Miranda (the book or an e-book version)
- Notebook or journal for writing reflections
- Pens or pencils
- Art supplies (colored pencils, markers, paper) for creative activities
- Access to a quiet space for reading and reflection

Before the lesson, ensure that the student has read at least the first few chapters of "Hysteria" to engage in discussions and activities effectively.

Activities

- **Character Mapping:**

Have the student create a character map for the main characters in "Hysteria." They can draw connections between the characters, their motivations, and how they interact with each other. This visual aid will help them understand character dynamics better.

- **Thematic Collage:**

Ask the student to create a collage that represents the main themes of the book. They can use magazine cutouts, drawings, or words that resonate with the themes they identify, such as fear, trust, or societal pressure.

- **Creative Writing Prompt:**

Encourage the student to write a short story or a diary entry from the perspective of one of the characters. This will help them explore character motivations and emotions in a creative way.

- **Discussion Circle:**

Host a discussion circle where the student shares their thoughts on the book so far. Prompt them with questions about their favorite character, any plot twists, or themes that stand out to them. This can be a casual conversation to encourage critical thinking.

Talking Points

- "What do you think makes 'Hysteria' different from other thrillers you've read?"
- "Can you identify any moments in the book that really made you feel a certain way? What were they?"
- "How do the characters' relationships impact the story? Do you think they trust each other?"
- "What themes do you think Megan Miranda is trying to convey? How do they relate to real life?"
- "How does the setting influence the mood of the story? Can you picture it?"
- "What role does fear play in the characters' decisions? Do you think it's justified?"
- "Which character do you relate to the most? Why?"
- "How does the author build suspense throughout the book? Can you give examples?"

- "What do you think about the ending? Did it meet your expectations?"
- "How does the narrative style affect your understanding of the story?"
- "If you could change one thing about the plot, what would it be and why?"
- "What message do you think the author wants to leave with the reader?"
- "How do you feel about the way mental health is portrayed in the book?"
- "What are your thoughts on the title 'Hysteria'? How does it relate to the plot?"
- "If you had to describe the book in three words, what would they be?"
- "What do you think will happen next in the story? Make a prediction!"