



SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

FOUNDATIONS OF DEMOCRACY
FOUR SQUARE LITERATURE CONNECTIONS

Activity Description

The teacher will distribute copies of the worksheet below. After or during the reading of a literature piece, students will analyze the reading in regards to the four pillars of democracy (authority, privacy, responsibility, justice). For example, if students were reading *Rifles for Watie* they might ask what authority do the military, the government, and Watie have in the story. Then students will be asked to analyze the issues of privacy, responsibility and justice the story contains or does not contain.

Suggested Grade Level

Upper elementary to high school

Estimated Time to Complete

One day

Objectives

Students will

- use the four concepts in *Foundations of Democracy* to analyze literature;
- arrange ideas logically and group related ideas in ways that enhance the topic;
- use an organizational pattern appropriate for the topic and purpose.

Materials Needed

Foundations of Democracy Four Square Literature Connections activity sheet (see below).

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Responsibility	Justice