

**MONDAY**

1. Start Up: Pull out your planners and write down this week's assignments from the flip chart. Then get a copy of Activities 16 and 17 "Preparing to Write"
2. Review: What was the mother concerned about in the letter you read for homework Friday?
3. Clarify directions for Activity 16 and complete in your groups
4. Do best Group roll and play if time remains
5. Homework: Complete the chart part only of Activity 17 for Tues. 12/16

**TUESDAY**

1. Start Up: Pull out Activities 16 and 17 for checking and complete the last part of Activity 17 in your groups while I check your homework
2. Review: What is one thing you agree with for Parent Involvement? What is one thing you definitely disagree with for Parent Involvement
3. Divide class up into three groups: those who agree that Parents should not be overly involved in Middle School, those who agree that they should be involved, and those stuck in the middle
4. Introduce Socratic Seminar, handout guidelines, and allow groups to gather their evidence to present/discuss in the Socratic Seminar on Block Day
5. Homework: Gather all your support for your position with author, quotes, and paragraph numbers. Remember, you must be specific and use the texts in the discussion. Everyone will have to present, say something in the discussion, so prepare!

**WEDNESDAY**

1. Start Up: Pull out your two texts, your quotes, sharpen pencils, and prepare for the Socratic Seminar
2. Review: What are the rules for running the Socratic Seminar? What is the challenge?
3. Do the Socratic Seminar and discuss
4. Introduce Activity 21 "The Writing" and go over writing the letter
5. Homework: Read over Activity 21, complete prewriting for your points and for checking, and be ready to type your letters in class Thurs. 12/18

**THURSDAY**

1. Start Up: Pull out your Letter prewriting for checking and get a Chromebook
2. Review: What needs to be in the letter?
3. Introduce the Extra-Credit CD Assignment (instructions are on my webpage)
4. Get Chromebooks and begin your letters
5. **Open Bonus Store if students are working quietly**
6. Homework: complete your letter for Fri. 12/19 as we will edit in class to submit your polished letter by the end of the period on Fri.

**FRIDAY**

1. Start Up: Pull out your texts, Activity 21, and get a Chromebook. Then, log into Rocklin BYOD
2. Review: What must be in the letters? When are they due?
3. Share your letters with someone, get them edited, make your final corrections, and submit
4. Homework: Have a Wonderful Holidays and New Year, Breathe because we don't have writing over the break, but read your Lit. Terms 1-31 and bring in basketball hoops, magnetic dart boards, etc. for Victor Bucks on Mon.. 1/6/14. Don't forget your appropriate extra-credit CD's that follow the instructions on my webpage for the year end slideshow