

Discussing a One-line Text

Level: Pre-Int & Up

Objective: Descriptive Adjectives, Sparking interesting discussion.

Video: Seether – Fine Again: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Li2PVKMZCo4>

Procedure: Tell students they are going to watch a video. While watching the video they will see people holding up various cards with text on them. Tell the students to write down any of the text that they find interesting or have a strong reaction to.

Show the video a 2nd time and ask students to write down some information about the person holding the text they found interesting.

After the video is shown, have the students write at least 2 reasons for why they wrote down the particular phrases they did.

Alternative 1) Open class discussion on the reactions to the text. This usually takes an hour easy as students get really involved discussing the various pieces of text.

Alternative 2) Students get in groups and discuss what they wrote down and why and then one group member reports back on it to the class afterwards.

Alternative 3) Students get a hand out with all the texts on it. You can then pose questions like “which one do you like the most?” “which one do you most disagree with?” “which one can you personally relate to the most” etc.

Alternative 4) While students are watching the video, walk around and tape up the texts one by one around the room. Students walk around and find the texts they wrote down and stand under it. Students then ask each other questions about where they are standing and why.

Alternative 5) Students write a short narrative explaining the character who was holding the text. It should include a some personal history and what experiences lead to the character taking that view.

I'm guilty	I love you.
I disgust myself	I'll change your life
I hate him ...I love her.	I hate myself ... I hate you
Pick love or fear.	Does anybody love you?
People forget history	You think you have freedom
I miss her....	I love it when you fail
You got me pregnant	I'm too beautiful for you
I am a product of sex & violence	I am a liar
I have shallow unrealistic dreams	I choke on pop culture
I am boring in bed	Mostly I hate to sleep alone
I slept with 431 women	I will never be your friend
I don't think. I watch TV	Someone controls what you watch
	I used to believe