

Responding to Quotable Quotes

"Quote"
of the month

Suggested Activities

1. Challenge students to re-state the author's message in their own words, without using any key words from the original quote. Organize students into groups of four to share their re-statements. Which best conveys the author's intended message? Invite each group to share their chosen re-statement with the whole class.
2. Invite students to write the quote in the middle of a page and write or draw four specific examples that clearly illustrate its message. Ask them to choose the example that most powerfully illustrates the message and explain their choice.
3. A "quotable quote" is meaningful, succinct and surprising. Ask students to rate how well this quote meets the criteria. (Meaningful quotes connect with the reader or listener. Succinct statements say a lot in a few words. Surprise happens when a new idea is presented, or when an old idea is revealed in a new way.)
4. Encourage students to collect "quotable quotes" about thinking (or other topics) in individual notebooks or on a designated bulletin board in the classroom. Share new favourites regularly.

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2. In each box, record a specific example that illustrates the message of the quote.

Original quote

Author

3. Rate the "quotability" of the quote on the scale by considering the following criteria:

- Meaningful: connects with the reader or listener
- Succinct: says a lot in a few words
- Surprising: presents a new idea or reveals an old idea in a new way

My rating for this quote is _____ because _____

Outstanding Good So-so Worst

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Outstanding

Good

So-so

Weak

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