

## Why Should You Use Socratic Seminar?

- Promotes critical thinking
- Creates an environment where all students feel “safe” to talk and share ideas – respectful communication
- Increases communication skills
- Students must *THINK* and be aware of their thinking – leads to metacognition
- An excellent strategy that helps to increase reading comprehension
- It’s engaging! Students are actively constructing BIG IDEAS!
- Students have a deeper understanding of others’ perspectives and can articulate different points of view.

## What is a Socratic Seminar?

- Thoughtful and collaborative dialogue
- Open-ended discussion
- Respect for other participants
- An opportunity to share one’s best thinking
- Multiple viewpoints working toward a shared understanding

