Fertile Question: How can I create my preferred future?

Core Content Area 1: Imagine

TOPIC 1.3: My relational self

Depthing Understanding: All you need is love

In this lesson students will explore different types of relationships.

Teachers: Before You Start!

1. Read the Teacher Background about moral values.

For students to explore different types of relationships, select from the following activities:

1. Explore the concept of love in a variety of different relationships.
   a. Explore understandings of Christian love.
      i. Read the following quotes about Christian love.
         “God is love, and they who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them” (1 Jn 4:16). These words from the First Letter of John express with remarkable clarity the heart of the Christian faith: the Christian image of God and the resulting image of humankind and its destiny. In the same verse, Saint John also offers a kind of summary of the Christian life: “We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us”. Deus Caritas Est Pope Benedict XVI 2005.
         There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.
      ii. Complete two Frayer concept models, one on fear and one on love. (See Useful Resources.)
   b. Explore the notion of the power of love.
      i. Consider the quotes in Useful Resources about love and the number of poems, artworks and songs about love and the power of love that have been made over the years.
      ii. Choose one notion or idea about love. Explore in learning teams of three, how this idea has been written about, sung about, illustrated and prayed about?
      iii. Choose an appropriate medium to display your findings to the rest of the class.
      iv. Reflect on the experiences of love that you have had so far in your life (friends, family, pets, God, girlfriend/boyfriend) and how you hope to experience love in the future.
# Love

Love one another, but make not a bond of love:
Let it rather be a moving sea between the shores of your souls
Sing and dance together and be joyous, but let each of you be alone.
Even as the strings of the lute are alone though they quiver with the same music.
And stand together, yet not too near together:
For the pillars of the temple stand apart.
And the oak tree and the cypress grow not in each other’s shadow. **Khalil Gibran, The Prophet**

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, (love) is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

Love is a many splendored thing.

Love is all you need.

Then I grasped the meaning of the greatest secret that human poetry and human thought and belief have to impart: the salvation of humanity is through love and in love. **Viktor Frankl**

The love with which we love each other is the same love with which God loves us. **St Augustine**