

Polar Opposites

Description:

This strategy helps students analyze and evaluate characters in a text by rating them on a variety of dimensions along a three-, five-, or seven-point continuum. After reading, students place a check mark on one of the blanks along the continuum to indicate their understanding and interpretation of a character based on a particular dimension. They can include examples from the text as justification and discuss them in a literature circle. This strategy can be used with the linear arrays strategy.





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How to Use the Strategy:

1. Describe how a continuum works. Explain that they will be placing a check mark on the continuum where they believe the focus topic would be. i.e. Thoughtful x Impulsive
 2. Hand out the Polar Opposite continuum worksheet with content specific descriptive words and have students start placing their check marks
 3. Have students find textual-based evidence to support their belief. (Specific number of text examples is discretionary)
 4. Discuss in large or small literature circles, with students explaining each of their choices with examples to support them.
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