Lesson Plan

Lesson 5

Facts, Opinions, and Beliefs

Grade level

9th grade English Class

Time duration

55 minutes

Objective

Give the students a better understanding of what are the differences between a belief, an opinion, and a fact in relation to the motivations of the Nazi party during the Holocaust.

Materials

Writing Board for class discussion

Activities and procedures

- -In-class discussion on Chapter 4 through 6
- -Lesson #4 Writing Assignment will be collected
- -In-class Activity: Ask students the differences between belief, opinion, and fact. Write responses on the board. Then, provide definitions:
 - A fact is verifiable. We can determine whether it is true by researching the evidence.
 - An opinion is a judgment based on facts, an honest attempt to draw a reasonable conclusion from factual evidence.
 - Unlike an opinion, a belief is a conviction based on cultural or personal faith, morality, or values.
- -Have the activity lead to a discussion on the Nazi's opinions on Jewish people. Relate that back to modern day hate groups.
- -Homework for students: Read Chapter 7 to end