

Socratic Circle Preparation

Ken Robinson's "Changing Paradigms" and Colin Powell's "Kids Need Structure"

1. Explain the point Robinson makes when he says, "There are really two types of people: academic and non-academic—smart people and non-smart people." Do you agree? Explain.

2. Explain a concept or idea you learned from the video "Changing Paradigms."

3. What did Robinson mean by stating that we use a "factory" approach to schooling? Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Explain.

4. What details does Powell provide that describe how the military places young men “in an environment of structure?” Do you believe all children would benefit from similar structure? Explain.

5. What information and ideas does Powell give the reader that describes his personal philosophy toward child development? Do you think schools should apply these ideas? Explain.

6. How do you think schools should reform? What steps should be taken to ensure success for all students?
