

Anticipation/Reaction Activity

Directions: Complete the following chart, responding to each given statement. Under “What I Think” respond to how you feel about the statement, i.e. whether you agree or disagree and *why*. Under “What Someone Else Thinks” write down another classmate’s response to the statement. Under “What I Know” include any background information that you know to be true about the statement. And finally, under “Questions” write down any questions you have about the statement. An example has been done for you.

Statement	The use of the word “nigger” is racist and should be removed from literature.
What I Think	While I think the “n-word” is racist, I think that sometimes it is necessary to use in literature. I think that censorship in any form is wrong, and I would not want the original words the author used to be taken out of his or her work.
What Someone Else Thinks	Monica M. thinks that it is racist and should never be used, even in literature. She says that it promotes racism and is degrading to African-Americans.
What I Know	I know that the “n-word” was used over 400 times in <i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i> , and that authors want to write realistically. The “n-word” was a regular and accepted part of the vocabulary for many people, especially in the South.
Questions	Is the “n-word” used a lot in <i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i> ? Is the “n-word” used in a realistic way, or is it overused or used frivolously? Is the “n-word” used in a racist or derogatory way?
Statement	Using the accent or dialect of a culture or race in literature is distracting and only complicates the story.
What I Think	
What Someone Else Thinks	
What I Know	
Questions	
Statement	It is not necessary to write about cultures or traditions that are not in use anymore.
What I Think	
What Someone Else Thinks	
What I Know	
Questions	

Statement	Finding real, true love is easy.
What I Think	

What Someone Else Thinks	
What I Know	
Questions	
Statement	A society's influence is important in shaping an individual's beliefs, goals, and identity.
What I Think	
What Someone Else Thinks	
What I Know	
Questions	
Statement	In order for someone to really discover who he or she is and what he or she believes in, he or she must go through a life of set-backs, disappointment, and grief.
What I Think	
What Someone Else Thinks	
What I Know	
Questions	