

LESSON PLAN #16: Socratic Seminar

[1] **Curriculum framework(s):** 2.6 Analyze differences in responses to focused group discussion in an organized and systematic way.

[2] **Goal of the lesson:** To have students share their thoughts on Abigail Adams

[3] **Expected student outcomes:** Students will be able to discuss the writing of Abigail Adams.

[4] **Assessment of expected student outcomes:** Successful completion of the Socratic seminar.

[5] **Instructional procedure:** 45 minutes

Activities: Have students follow the procedures of a Socratic seminar, with an inner circle and an outer circle, with a leader, and with sundry questions from basic reading comprehension to open-ended and critical thinking questions.

[6] **Material and resources:** Students must bring in their copies of letters, and they must bring in questions to lead the discussion.