#### Constructive Conversation Secondary Placemat – Integrated ELD- Social Studies

Goal: Students independently use these skills to prepare themselves to use **Historical Thinking Skills: Sourcing, Contextualization, Close Reading, Corroboration** (Stanford History Education Group, Reading Like A Historian, 2012). (Modified from: Zwiers, O'Hara, & Pritchard (2014)

Features of Conversations with Hand Motions	Prompts for Using the Features	Prompts for Responding
Create (Put hands over head, open and close them, as if an idea is coming out of your head)	A  What do you notice? (Sourcing)  Who wrote this? (Sourcing)  What are other points of view? (Corroboration)  I wonder?  How can we combine these ideas?	B • I notice • The author probably believes • Based on the source information, I think the author might • I connect to because
Clarify (Place hands over eyes as if focusing binoculars)	• Can you elaborate on? • Can you clarify? • What do you mean by? • Say more about? • Why, How, What, When (Contextualization) (Sourcing)	<ul> <li>I think it means</li> <li>In other words</li> <li>More specifically, it is because</li> <li>In other words, you are saying that</li> <li>This document might not give me the whole picture because</li> </ul>
Fortify (Place your hand palm down as if putting an idea on the table, and use the fingertips of the other hand to support the palm)	A  Can you give an example from the text? (Close Reading)  Where in the text does it say that? (Close Reading)  Are there any cases in real life? (Contextualization)	B • For example • In the text it said • Remember from the text we read • An example from my life is • The evidence used to support the author's claims is
Negotiate [Put your hands out by your shoulders, pale up. Move them up and down like a scale)	A  • How are the 2 ideas similar/ different? • Which has the strongest evidence? • How can we decide which has the more idea? (Corroboration) • How is that evidence stronger than this evidence? (Corroboration)	<ul> <li>B</li> <li> is strong evidence because</li> <li>These documents agree/disagree about</li> <li>Another document to consider might be</li> <li>The author agrees/disagrees with</li> </ul>

HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES



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#### Salem Evidence A: "Discourse on Witchcraft" (ORIGINAL)

In the speech below, Cotten Mather, an influential leader of the Puritans, argues for the existence of witchcraft (1688).

It should next be proved THAT Witchcraft is.

The being of such a thing is denied by many that place a great part of their small wit in deriding the stories that are told of it. Their chief argument is that they never saw any witches, therefore there are none. Just as if you or I should say, we never met with any robbers on the road, therefore there never was any padding there. . . .

[T]here are especially two demonstrations that evince the being of that infernal mysterious thing. First. We have the testimony of scripture for it. Secondly. We have the testimony of experience for it. . . . Many witches have . . . confessed and shown their deeds. We see those things done that it is impossible any disease or any deceit should procure.

Source: Cotton Mather, "Memorable Providences relating to Witchcrafts and Possessions," from A Discourse on Witchcraft, (Boston, 1689), pp. 4-9. Cotton Mather was one of the most influential religious leaders in America at the time.

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#### Salem Evidence B: Testimony of Abigail Hobbs (ORIGINAL)

Below is the testimony of a teenager accused of witchcraft, Abigail Hobbs, on April 19, 1692.

The Examination of Abigail Hobbs, at Salem Village, 19 April, 1692, by John Hawthorn and Jonath. Corwin, Esqs., and Assistants.

[Judge:] Abig. Hobbs, you are brought before Authority to answer to sundry acts of witchcraft, committed by you against and upon the bodies of many, of which several persons now accuse you. What say you? Are you guilty, or not? Speak the truth.

[Abigail Hobbs:] I will speak the truth. I have seen sights and been scared. I have been very wicked. I hope I shall be better, if God will help me.

[Judge:] What sights did you see?

[Abigail Hobbs:] I have seen dogs and many creatures.

[Judge:] What dogs do you mean, ordinary dogs?

[Abigail Hobbs:] I mean the Devil.

[Judge:] How often, many times?

[Abigail Hobbs:] But once.

. . . .

[Judge:] What would he have you do?

[Abigail Hobbs:] Why, he would have me be a witch.

[Judge:] Would he have you make a covenant with him?

[Abigail Hobbs:] Yes.

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Features of Conversations with Hand Motions	Prompts for Using the Features	Prompts for Responding
Create (Put hands over head, open and close them, as if an idea is coming out of your head)	<ul> <li>Why do you think the author wrote this?</li> <li>What is the theme of this text?</li> <li>What is the poetic device in used in the stanza?</li> <li>What is your idea?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>B</li> <li>I think the author wrote this because</li> <li>I believe the theme is</li> <li>I believe the poetic device is</li> <li>My idea is</li> </ul>
Clarify (Place hands over eyes as if focusing binoculars)	<ul> <li>A</li> <li>Can you elaborate?</li> <li>Can you clarify?</li> <li>What do you mean by?</li> <li>Did what I say make sense?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>I think it means that</li> <li>In other words</li> <li>More specifically, it is because</li> <li>It sounds like you think that</li> </ul>
Portify (Place your hand palm down as if putting an idea on the table, and use the fingertips of the other hand to support the palm)	<ul> <li>Can you give an example from the text?</li> <li>Where in the text does it say that?</li> <li>Are there any cases in real life?</li> <li>How does it support the idea?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For example,</li> <li>In the text, it says</li> <li>Remember from the text we read</li> <li>An example from my life is</li> <li>Strong supporting evidence is</li> </ul>
Negotiate [Put your hands out by your shoulders, palms up. Move them up and down like a scale)	<ul> <li>Which has the strongest evidence?</li> <li>How can we decide which has the more idea?</li> <li>How is that evidence stronger than this evidence?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>is strong evidence because</li> <li>I think we can use the criteria of because</li> <li>That is a valid point, but</li> </ul>

## The Courage That My Mother Had

The courage that my mother had Went with her, and is with her still: Rock from New England quarried: Now granite in a granite hill.

The golden brooch my mother wore She left behind for me to wear: I have no thing I treasure more: Yet, it is something I could spare.

Oh, if instead she'd left to me
The thing she took into the grave!—
That courage like a rock, which she
Has no more need of, and I have.

by Edna St. Vincent Millay, 1949



What words might you use to describe the author's feelings towards her mother?

- 1. Create ideas
- 2. Clarify ideas

# Read the brief biography of the author. Use this information to continue your discussion.

### Edna St. Vincent Millay

1892-1950 , Rockland , ME

# Fortify, Negotiate



Photo credit: Carl Van Wechten.

Poet and playwright Edna St. Vincent Millay was born in Rockland, Maine, on February 22, 1892. Her mother, Cora, raised her three daughters on her own after asking her husband to leave the family home in 1899. Cora encouraged her girls to be ambitious and self-sufficient, teaching them an appreciation of music and literature from an early age. In 1912, at her mother's urging, Millay entered her poem "Renascence" into a contest: she won fourth place and publication in *The Lyric Year*, bringing her immediate acclaim and a scholarship to Vassar College.

There, she continued to write poetry and became involved in the theater. She also developed intimate relationships with several women while in school, including the English actress Wynne Matthison. In 1917, the year of her graduation, Millay published her first book, Renascence and Other Poems. At the request of Vassar's drama department, she also wrote her first verse play, The Lamp and the Bell (1921), a work about love between women.

After graduating from Vassar, Millay, whose friends called her "Vincent," moved to New York City's Greenwich Village, where she led a Bohemian life. She lived in a nine-foot-wide attic and wrote anything she could find an editor willing to accept. She and the other writers of Greenwich Village were, according to Millay herself, "very, very poor and very, very merry." She joined the Provincetown Players in its early days and befriended writers such as Witter Bynner, Edmund Wilson, Susan Glaspell, and Floyd Dell, who asked for Millay's to marry him. Millay, who was openly bisexual, refused, despite Dell's attempts to persuade her otherwise. That same year Millay published A Few Figs from Thistles (1920), a volume of poetry which drew much attention for its controversial descriptions of female sexuality and feminism. In 1923 her fourth volume of poems, The Ballad of the Harp-Weaver, was awarded the Pulitzer Prize. In addition to publishing three plays in verse, Millay also wrote the libretto of one of the few American grand operas, The King's Henchman (1927).

#### Constructive Conversation Secondary Placemat – Integrated ELD/Math

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Features of Conversations with	Prompts for Using the Features	Prompts for Responding		
Hand Motions				
Create Clarify problem and ideas for solving it (Put hands over head, open and close them, as if an idea is coming out of your head)	<ul> <li>What is the problem asking?</li> <li>How does the problem begin?</li> <li>What do we need to know?</li> <li>What patterns do we notice?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In other words</li> <li>More specifically, it is because</li> <li>It is important to because</li> <li>I noticed</li> </ul>		
Clarify Discuss Representations and Models (Place hands over eyes as if focusing binoculars)	<ul> <li>A</li> <li>How else can we show this?</li> <li>How can we draw or graph this?</li> <li>How can we explain this to others?</li> <li>What symbols can we use?</li> </ul>	I think it means that     In other words     More specifically, it is because     It sounds like you think that		
Fortify Explain and Support Reasoning (Place your hand palm down as if putting an idea on the table, and use the fingertips of the other hand to support the palm)	<ul> <li>A</li> <li>Can you explain why you?</li> <li>What does that mean?</li> <li>Why do you?</li> <li>What math rule are you using?</li> <li>How did you get this answer?</li> <li>Can you give an example?</li> <li>How does the sample problem help us?</li> </ul>	B If we, then we need to because A key math principle is making sure that you In math, we always need to Let me show you what I mean		
Negotiate Use Multiple Methods for Solving [Put your hands out by your shoulders, palms up Move them up and down like a scale)	<ul> <li>What are other ways to solve this?</li> <li>Which method is most useful? Why?</li> <li>What do you think about this strategy for solving it?</li> </ul>	A different way to solve this is     This methods works because     Let's try this and see what happens.		
Visual Verbal Symbols Objects		MATH		

Note: For additional language prompts, please refer to the Conversation Skills Poster.

# Create, Clarify, Fortify, Negotiate

On June 1, a fast growing species of algae is accidentally introduced into a lake in a city park. It starts to grow and cover the surface of the lake in such a way that the area covered by the algae doubles every day. If it continues to grow unabated, the lake will be totally covered and the fish in the lake will suffocate. At the rate it is growing, this will happen on June 30.

- ✓ a. When will the lake be covered half-way?
  - b. On June 26, a pedestrian who walks by the lake every day warns that the lake will be completely covered soon. Her friend just laughs. Why might her friend be skeptical of the warning?
  - c. On June 29, a clean-up crew arrives at the lake and removes almost all of the algae. When they are done, only 1% of the surface is covered with algae. How well does this solve the problem of the algae in the lake?

**MATH** 

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Features of Conversations with	Prompts for Using the Features	Prompts for Responding
Hand Motions		_
Create	Α	В
(Put palms facing up)	What did you observe?	I observed that
	<ul> <li>What do you see happening?</li> </ul>	• I saw
	<ul> <li>What can we learn from this</li> </ul>	I noticed
	phenomenon?	Look at the way that the
	Why is this important?	My hypothesis is
	What is your hypothesis?	
Clarify	A	В
(Pull hands Apart)	What do you wonder about the	I think it means
	observation?	In other words
	<ul> <li>What do you think will happen?</li> </ul>	More specifically, it is because
	What causedto happen?	<ul> <li>In other words, you are saying the</li> </ul>
	Which principles apply here?	
	Why, How, What, When	
Fortify	A	В
(Put one hand on top of the other hand	<ul> <li>Can you give an example from the: text,</li> </ul>	For example,
with fingers pointed up to make a	experiment, observation, life?	Remember from the
structure)	What data do we have?	text/experiment/observation
	What are the short and long-term effects?	The data shows
	<ul> <li>How does support your hypothesis?</li> </ul>	An example from real life is
		Strong supporting evidence is
Negotiate	Α	В
[if more than 1 idea] (Hands up and down		is strong evidence
	<ul> <li>Which has the strongest evidence?</li> </ul>	because
	<ul> <li>How is that evidence stronger than this</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>I think we can use the criteria</li> </ul>
	evidence?	because
	<ul> <li>Does the usefulness outweigh the ethical?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>That is a valid point, but</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Why is this controversial? What is the</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>I think the negative of</li> </ul>
	moral dilemma?	outweighs the positives of

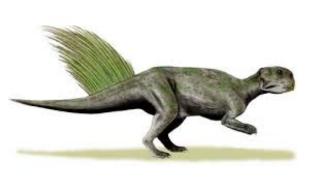
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http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/weredinosaurs-cold-blooded-or-warm-blooded 55d777e6e4b04ae4970335e2

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