

## **Never Again: Recognizing Pre-Genocidal Stages in Literature and Our World Today**

Content Area: Secondary English

Course: English 10 Honors

Grade: 10th grade

### **Lesson #4: Identifying Stages of Genocide in Literature**

**Time:** Students will need 30 minutes to find examples from William Golding's *The Lord of the Flies* (or it can be assigned for homework). Another 30 minutes should be reserved to discuss the findings.

**Overview of the Lesson:** After reading William Golding's *The Lord of the Flies*, students will apply Dr. Stanton's "Eight Stages of Genocide" to the novel, using textual evidence whenever possible.

#### **State Standards:**

RL.9-10.1 - Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

RL.9-10.9 - Analyze how an author draws on and transforms source material in a specific work.

#### **Essential Questions:**

- How does what we read influence your thinking?
- How can we use fictional writing to help us solve real-world problems?
- Does literature truly mirror society?

**Anticipated Misconceptions:** Again, students may not agree with all of Dr. Stanton's stages.

#### **Instructional Materials Needed:**

Students need a worksheet, their novel, and a pen

#### **Instructional Tips:**

There are so many dystopian novels that would work with this assignment: *1984*, *Brave New World*, *Hunger Games*, *Animal Farm*, just to name a few.

**Anticipatory Set:** Ask students: Could the boys' actions on the island have been prevented?

**Instructional Strategies:** Graphic Organizers and Cross-Curricular Information

**Lesson Closing:** Return to the Anticipatory Set Question: Could the boys' actions be prevented?

**Extension Ideas:** Apply these stages to other works of literature or historical events.

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After reading *The Lord of the Flies*, please apply Dr. Stanton's "Eight Stages of Genocide" to the novel. Use quotes whenever possible to support your answer (don't forget the page number).

**Eight Stages of Genocide:**

**Application to *Lord of the Flies*:**

<p><b>Classification:</b> a division of the natural and social world into categories. We treat people differently based on their category. It's an "us" and "them" mentality.</p>	
<p><b>Symbolization:</b> using symbols to name and signify our classification.</p>	
<p><b>Dehumanization:</b> the denying of the humanity of others based on their classification. It makes the people "less than human" ***<b>Please note:</b> Classification is a natural part of all cultures. However, it only becomes a dangerous step towards genocide when coupled with Dehumanization.</p>	
<p><b>Organization:</b> the training of special armies and the stockpiling of weapons.</p>	
<p><b>Polarization:</b> hate groups drive the parties apart using propaganda.</p>	
<p><b>Preparation:</b> death lists are created, property is seized, and victims are relocated to one central location</p>	
<p><b>Extermination:</b> the total annihilation of a people</p>	
<p><b>Denial:</b> after the genocide has occurred, the guilty parties often try to hide the evidence of genocide: they burn the bodies, blame the genocide on the victims, and block investigations.</p>	