

9<sup>th</sup> ELA Flight  
Materials Interview

Interviewer: Please describe the instructional materials you are using for this lesson.

Teacher: Okay. There are quite a few. I have avid questions stem handouts that I use and I've used throughout the year that some are still relying on. Some are relying on less but they use those to come up with their questions. Then, from there they kind of collaborated to come up with the best question and they submitted to a site called socrative.com. They all voted on the questions they wanted to use. That is kind of a material they love to have. Then, from there I have a questions sheet that requires that they answer personally and with textual evidence on the ones we voted on. Then, they have a peer review sheet that they are rating their partner. Then, finally, a reflections sheet at the end of the whole conversation.

Interviewer: Why did you choose these materials?

Teacher: They are just ... The questions stem sheets are just extra support for students that are learning how to ask questions. They don't know where to start. They will look at the sheet and help them with their questioning. Socrative was actually introduced through our [inaudible 00:01:09] at this school and just a really fun, again, way through technology. They are using their phones. They get to vote on each other's and see each other's questions. I think it increases the engagement with that.

Then, the other two are just structured ways of making sure they are preparing well and don't what they are asked to do during and after the assignment.

Interviewer: What is it that you like about the materials?

Teacher: Again, I think just the structure. Everything is very structured. They know exactly what they need to do. Like I said, the more fun aspects like having the technology. It has been really exciting this year just trying that. They really like it. That is probably what I like the most.

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Interviewer: Are there any changes that you would make to these materials?

Teacher: I am always kind of updating them. Like today, I added an extra part to the reflection. I'm sure there will be something I see in the future, especially because every time we do it, I want to push them more. After tomorrow, I will probably have more to say as far as what I can change to make it more effective for next time.

Interviewer: That is one my favorite things to do. Never ending.

Teacher: Yeah.

Interviewer: How would you describe these materials as meaningful or relevant to students' lives.

Teacher: Again, it is just allowing for them ... The materials help support them in .. They are in charge of their own learning. They are creating their own questions. They are looking at their classmates' ideas and being able to give input on what they think is a good question. It all facilitates that. Then, I think reflection too. As a teacher, sometimes I forget this is important. They need to reflect on, "Did I learn from this?" Having the reflection part is just really good for them and me as a teacher to see. Is the learning important and why is it work and why is it not working. Yeah.