Examining Adolescent Issues through Young Adult Literature
Presenting to a mentor or a small group of students

Essential Question: How can the small group presentation of a young adult selection be effectively used to inform the audience about adolescent issues?

The Task
1. Identify the issue(s) in the books.
2. Research the issue(s).
3. Design a brief presentation which provides an overview of the issue(s). Include the following:
   a. Essential facts about the issue(s).
   b. One direct quotation from the book that best illustrates the issue(s).
   c. Two direct quotations from the book that best illustrate the character's final understanding of how to resolve the issue.
   d. A judgment as to the viability of the given solution.
4. Each student arranges to present a small group of classmates (4-5).

Information Seeking Strategies
1. Each student reads his/her books and identifies the issues that best lend themselves to active discussions.
2. Each student reviews researched material on the issue.

Use of Information
1. Each student develops an overview of the issue(s) as it relates to his/her book.
2. Each student submits notes using one of three formats: notesheets, index cards, or power notes.
3. Each student develops a ten minute presentation that includes three quotations from the book to illustrate the issue and the resolution.
4. Each student develops a “Works Cited” page using MLA format.

Synthesis
1. Each student designs a presentation that informs the mentor or small group of the essential facts about the issue(s).
2. Each student assesses the viability of the solution provided in the book if one is provided.
3. Each student includes in the presentation one direct quotation from the book that best illustrates the issue(s) and two direct quotations from the book that best illustrate the character’s final understanding of how to resolve the issue.
4. Each student explains the significance of the chosen quotations.

Evaluation
Each student includes a brief reflection about what he/she learned from the experience of presenting to a small group.