They Grew Up Reading and Writing: Authentic Preparation for College and Career

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The Heart, Head, Hands and Feet Lesson

Purpose	
Long Range Purposes	Immediate Purposes
 To help students see connections between their actions today and their futures To show students the ways in which informational texts can serve them 	 To teach student to read texts closely to find text-based evidence for statements they make about the main character To give students authentic reasons for reading complex informational text
Standards	Time Frame
Reading Anchor Standards 1, 2, 3, 10	45-60 minutes
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Materials

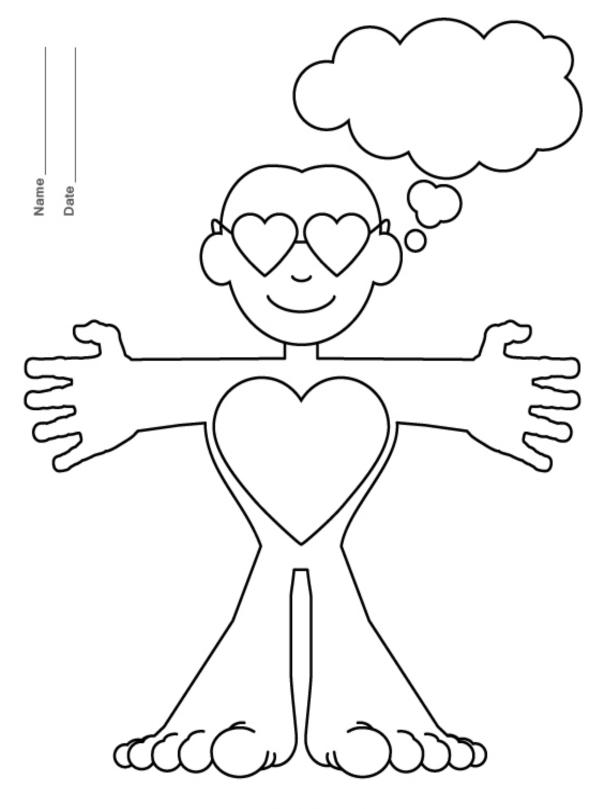
A suitable biography or autobiography, chart paper and markers heart-shaped glasses, copy of graphic organizer

Procedure and Practice

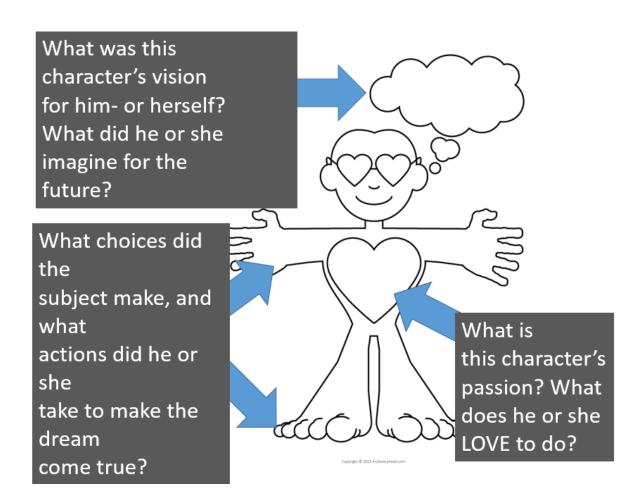
- 1. Put on heart-shaped glasses and explain to students the ways in which their hearts help them develop a vision for their futures.
- 2. Read aloud a biography or autobiography of a passionate person who sets a clear goal for him- or herself based on that passion.
- 3. As you are reading, or during a reread, look for evidence that answers the following questions. Write your findings on the graphic organizer.
 - What is the character's passion? What does he or she love or love to do? (Write the subject's loves/passions in the heart.)
 - What was this character's vision for him- or herself? What did he or she imagine for the future? (Write the subject's vision for his or her future in the thought bubble.)
 - What choices did the subject make, and what actions did he or she take to make the dream come true? (Write the subject's choices and actions on the hands and feet.

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