Reflecting on literature

Activity sheet

Consider the following questions in regards to your favourite novel/film/poem/song or English text book (see the resource list for ideas).

- What themes around diversity appear in this work?
- Are there any rights in conflict? (i.e. the right to live free of discrimination)
- Is discrimination occurring in any way? Who is responsible for discrimination? Is it direct or indirect discrimination?
- Is the author/artist being discriminatory in any way? Is there any event or background information that you know of, that may have shaped the author's opinion?
- What does this work say about the relationship between rights and responsibilities that we have in our society?
- Is there any conflict between the needs of the individual and the needs of society?
- Are there any examples of compassion and/or respect for others in our society?
- Does this work give you a greater understanding/empathy for other groups in society?
- Does the work raise any similar issues in your class/school/community/society?

Name of text:
Author:
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Response:

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