Lesson Plan: Diversity - Same and Different

Two Friends: Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglas By Dean Robbins, Illustrated by Sean Qualls and Selina Alko

- Resources and Preparation:
 - Materials
 - Two Friends, Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglas
 - Printed worksheet
 - Technology
 - Optional: Smartboard for showing video links provided in additional resources.
- Instructional Plan:
 - State Objectives (from the Oklahoma Academic Standards for Social Studies, 2nd grade)
 - 2.5.1 Explain how all people can play an important role in their community.
 - 2.3.1 Analyze the contributions of people and groups who have shaped our history and who are honored by holidays and commemorative months.
 - Student Objectives
 - 1. Listen to the book read aloud and observe the pictures.
 - 2. Discuss similarities and differences among friends, and how these can make friends stronger.
 - Lesson
 - 1. Read the book, Two Friends, by Dean Robbins.
 - 2. Brainstorm similarities and differences between Susan B. Anothony and Frederick Douglas using the worksheet as a Venn Diagram.
 - 3. On the worksheet, write two words that describe Susan B. Anthony, two words that describe Frederick Douglas, and two words that describe them both.
 - 3. Discuss ways that both differences and similarities can make people stronger.
 - 4. Tie in to Why Am I Me?: List ways in which the people in the book are different and the same.
 - 5. Optional Dramatic Play: Let students discuss similarities and differences between themselves (me and my friend) over imaginary tea and cake, using cups and saucers as props.



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Additional Resources:

Scholastic Reading Guide: https://www.scholastic.com/content/dam/teachers/lessonplans/migrated-featured-files/two_friends_reading_guide.pdf

Video Trailer for Book: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ykL0m8CMH_Q

Video Biography of Frederick Douglas: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eBdpS2WWAdk

Video Biography of Susan B. Anthony: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZD5MZ2BgiM

Tour Rochester, NY, online: http://www.douglasstour.com/tour/susan-b-anthony-square/



"Let's Have Tea The sculpture that inspired the book. Located in Rochester, NY.

https://www.literacyworldwide.org/blog/literacynow/2017/02/28/five-questions-with-dean-robbins-(two-friends)