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. Anthony 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:


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/literacy-now/2017/02/28/five-questions-with-dean-robbins-(two-friends)