Linking Oracy to Inquiry
K-6
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Today’s Session

**Review:** Background on talk tasks

**Engage:** As a learner

**Inquire:** How can we employ talk tasks to support students’ speaking & listening skills related to the new social studies standards?
How did the citizens of America and the world unite after the tragedy of September 11, 2001?

Supporting Questions:
What happened September 11, 2001?
Where was the event? Who was there?

History/Geography: SS.2.9, SS.2.20
Engage in Talk Task #1
How might this look different for your students?
Talk Tasks in Your Classroom

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WHY TALK TASKS?

ORACY: THE ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY USING SPOKEN LANGUAGE.
What to look for as you watch the upcoming video...

PARTNER A: Teacher Requirements

PARTNER B: Student Requirements

PARTNER C: School Culture & Supports
What does a focus on oracy look like?

School 21 believes oracy -- the ability to speak well -- is one of the biggest indicators of a child’s success later in life.
A Look at School 21

- Public, Urban Per Pupil Expenditures:
  - £8,072 School ($10,000 U.S.)

- Demographics:
  - 28% Asian
  - 36% Black
  - 36% White
  - 49% Free/Reduced Lunch

- Data is from the 2015-2016 academic year
How did different groups of people respond when the Twin Towers collapsed?
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Why is it important to remember the events that happened on September 11, 2001?
9/11 Memorials around the United States of America

Memorial: The Garden of Reflection  
Location: Lower Makefield, Penn.

The Garden and the 64-acre Memorial Park in Lower Makefield, Penn., were built in 2005. Nine people from the town died in the tragedy. The site includes a fragment of the World Trade Center, a Wall of Remembrance with all the victims names etched on glass panels, and twin fountains that represent the rising spirits of those lost in the event.
Memorial Name: To Lift a Nation
Location: Emmitsburg, Md.

The memorial named “To Lift a Nation” features three 40-feet high firefighter statues, each weighs more than 5,000 pounds, raising the American flag. It is a recreation of the famous photo by Thomas E. Franklin taken at Ground Zero on 9/11 and is dedicated to all the firefighters that died in the tragedy.
Memorial: Amy Toyen Sculpture
Location: Avon, Conn.

Dedicated in 2002, the piece commemorates the 9/11 victim Amy Toyen, who grew up in Avon, Conn. The project was initiated by Avon High School. Situated outside the Avon Free Public Library, the life-size bronze sculpture depicts Amy as a 5-year-old young girl, in her favorite dress, sitting on a garden bench, with a book in her hands and a Teddy Bear in her arm (two other of her favorite things.)
Memorial: 9/11 Memorial “Postcards”  
Location: Staten Island, N.Y.

Built in 2004, “Postcards” features two soaring 40-foot high, white wing-like walls that symbolize notes sent to loved ones. The memorial is dedicated to all the Staten Island, N.Y., residents who died on 9/11, each of them honored with a granite plaque with their facial silhouette, name, birth date, and place of work. Ground Zero can be seen between the “Postcards” wings.
PAIRS SQUARED

(Two A, B Partners Join Up)

Demonstrate Active Listening: Share with your new group how hearing your partner’s response made you think.

“When partner’s name said _______________________ it made me think ____________, because...”
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How might this look different for your students?
What is included in a Talk Task?

- A Standards-Based Prompt to Demonstrate Knowledge, Understanding, and Application
- Thoughtful Grouping
- Reminder of Discussion Guidelines
- Individual Accountability for Every Student
- Necessary Protocol (Accountable Talk, Sentence Stems, etc.)
School 21
ORACY FRAMEWORK for Student Presentations

**PHYSICAL**
Projection, Gesture
- How are you using your face?
- How are you using your voice?
- How are you using movement and gesture?
- Is pitch, tone, and rhythm of voice varied?
- Do gestures and body language support what is being said?
- Are you in control of your voice and movement?

**COGNITIVE**
Thinking, Collaborating, Questioning
- Is there a strong argument?
- Have you made clear points backed up with evidence?
- Have you presented complex arguments clearly?
- Do you have a clear beginning, middle, and end?

**LINGUISTIC**
Vocabulary Acquisition, Lexical Choice
- Does the speech have precise language?
- Do you use formal or informal language?
- Is there a range of appropriate vocabulary?

**EMOTIONAL**
Audience, Engagement, Pathos
- Are you making an impact on the audience?
- Is the speech given with energy and 100% commitment?
- Are you connecting with the audience?
- How have you taken risks (i.e. using humor, surprise) in your speech?
Group Configurations

Nest (x1)

Pairs (x2)

Trios (x3)

Circle (x6 or x12)

Onion (x6)

Coaching Onion (x12)

Traverse (x12)
Discussion Guidelines

We always respect each other's ideas.

We are prepared to change our minds as we learn.

We clarify, challenge, summarize, and build on each other's ideas.

We invite others to contribute by asking questions.

We demonstrate proof of listening.

We speak in complete sentences.

SPEAK—LISTEN—LEARN
# Speaking & Listening Roles

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<th>Role</th>
<th>Task Description</th>
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<td>Surgeon</td>
<td>Asks probing questions to go deeper into responses.</td>
<td>What is it about...that makes you say...? Can you tell us a little more...?</td>
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<td>Justify what you have said... Please show us the evidence...</td>
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<td>Builder</td>
<td>Develops others’ answers.</td>
<td>That was a good point...it could also... I would like to add...</td>
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<td>Yes, and then you could... Ok, but don’t you think...</td>
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<td>Previously we spoke about... I would like to pick up on...</td>
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<td>Summarizer</td>
<td>Summarizes the overall discussion in brief. Rounds up points so far.</td>
<td>Am I right in thinking...? Are you saying...? Have I got that right? Are you saying...?</td>
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<td>So are we supposed to be...? So that suggests... So we don’t understand about the bit...</td>
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# INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTABILITY:
- Self & Group Assessments
- Peer Feedback
- Teacher Feedback

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Resources for Prompts

Project Tahoe [http://projecttahoe.org/](http://projecttahoe.org/)
- One Pagers
- Visual Analysis
- Choose a DBQ source for a talk task

Stanford History Education Group [https://sheg.stanford.edu/](https://sheg.stanford.edu/)
Listenwise [https://listenwise.com/](https://listenwise.com/)
ABC-CLIO (go through WCSD website – Library Services)

Google Arts & Culture [https://www.google.com/culturalinstitute/beta/](https://www.google.com/culturalinstitute/beta/)
Final Thoughts & Questions
THANK YOU