Red Skelton – Pledge of Allegiance Extricating Language

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TZBTyTWOZCM>

Explicating Quotations Activity

Using quotations from “Good Quotations by Famous People”

<http://www.cs.virginia.edu/~robins/quotes.html>

Examples

“A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on.”

* Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

A lie (something patently untrue; a false statement; a rumor that spreads much faster than truth)

gets halfway around the world (a global audience)

before the truth (the facts or reality of situation)

has a chance to get its pants on (deliberately one leg at a time, much slower than a lie)

“We have art to save ourselves from the truth.”

* Friedrich Nietzsche (1884-1900)

In the context of “DIA blasts idea of art sell-off to pay Detroit’s debt.”

We (all of us, society, the community, the State of Michigan, Detroit, the suburbs)

Have art (paintings, murals, culture, artifacts, historical documents, music, literature… all the unique things that celebrate us as human beings)

To save (preserve, to remember, to encourage the future)

Ourselves from the truth (what is real, today’s perspective, what is known in the moment – to cause reflection)

“I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have.”

* Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)

I (me, you, everyone)

Find (realize, discover through experience)

that the harder I work (time investment we make)

the more luck (things going my way, the way I hoped, expected, planned for; the more I get involved, plan, put in time and effort)

I seem to have (the effort pays off - growth mindset)