

Daily Quotations

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES AND SUGGESTIONS

- Using a quotation each day provides students an opportunity to:
 - *strengthen vocabulary,*
 - *grow background knowledge,*
 - *practice paraphrasing,*
 - *build fluency, and*
 - *move from concrete thinking to more abstract thinking.*
- When possible, select a quotation that aligns to the current unit of study.
- Display the quotation on the board.
- Read the quotation aloud to students.
- Engage students in reading the quotation. Possible strategies include
 - *echo reading,*
 - *whisper reading,*
 - *choral reading (whole group; boys only; girls only), or*
 - *silly reading (deep voice; hold your nose).*
- Facilitate a discussion of the quotation and its application to students' lives, to a literature selection, or current event.
- Encourage students to speak in complete sentences.
- Call on volunteers and nonvolunteers.
- Appropriate strategies might include
 - *Think–Pair–Share,*
 - *Pause & Reflect, or*
 - *Turn & Talk.*
- Daily quotation activities should be completed in five minutes or less.

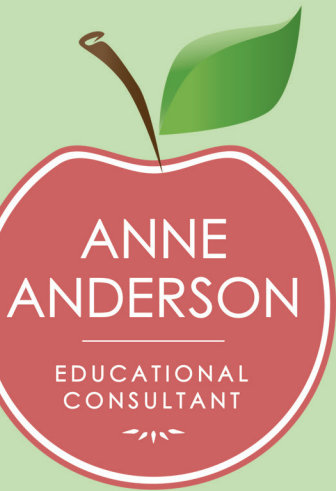
EXTENSIONS/VARIATIONS:

Add a writing element to this activity. Display three to five previously discussed quotations and allow students to select one for the writing assignment. Prior to class, determine area of writing focus and design rubric.

Address various learning styles by allowing students to create an artistic representation of a quotation. Students may work individually or with a partner. Design a rubric to score the completed project and oral presentation.

Read a quotation in a monotone; then read it with expression. Ask students to determine which sounds best and why. Facilitate a discussion of strategies/techniques used by fluent readers.

Provide practice in summarizing by having students state the general message of the quotation in 3 – 5 words.



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1. No one can make you feel inferior without your consent. *Eleanor Roosevelt*
2. Once you say you're going to settle for second, that's what happens in life, I find. *John F. Kennedy*
3. You have to expect things of yourself before you can do them. *Michael Jordan*
4. Don't let what you can't do stop you from doing what you can do. *John Wooden*
5. If you don't have confidence, you'll always find a way not to win. *Carl Lewis*
6. Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
7. Slow and steady wins the race. *Aesop*
8. Life is something like a trumpet. If you don't put anything into it, you don't get anything out. *W.C. Handy*
9. Don't sit down and wait for the opportunities to come. You have to get up and make them. *Madame C. J. Walker*
10. The wastebasket is a writer's best friend. *Isaac Bashevis Singer*
11. If you fail to plan, you plan to fail. *Unknown*
12. Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration. *Thomas Edison*
13. Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else. *Will Rogers*
14. I not only use all the brains I have, but all I can borrow *Woodrow Wilson*
15. Talent is like electricity – we do not understand electricity. We use it.
Maya Angelou
16. Let your conscience be your guide. *Jiminy Cricket in Pinocchio*
17. A sure way for one to lift himself up is by helping to lift someone else.
Booker T. Washington
18. Winners never quit and quitters never win. *Anonymous*
19. Men are born to succeed, not fail. *Henry David Thoreau*
20. When the mind is thinking, it is talking to itself. *Plato*



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21. Do what you can, with what you have, where you are. *Theodore Roosevelt*
22. All our dreams can come true – if we have the courage to pursue them.
Walt Disney
23. Bad is never good until worse happens. *Danish Proverb*
24. By perseverance the snail reached the ark. *Charles Haddon Spurgeon*
25. The time is always ripe for doing right. *Martin Luther King, Jr.*
26. Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.
Robert Collier
27. People seldom see the halting and painful steps by which the most insignificant success is achieved. *Anne Sullivan*
28. We cannot choose our external circumstances, but we can always choose how we respond to them. *Epictetus*
29. That some achieve great success is proof to all that others can achieve it as well. *Abraham Lincoln*
30. What would you attempt to do if you knew you would not fail? *Robert Schuller*

