# Diverse Educational Experiences & Skimming

Friday, January 26th



## Banned Book Assignment

Prompt: Put yourself in the shoes of a middle/high school teacher. Write a 2-3 page memo to your students' parents explaining why you are using a specific book in your class. Use readings from class & in addition to sources of your choice to support your argument.

Choose a book from this PEN America <u>list</u> or this <u>list</u> from Iowa City Schools

 Choose any book EXCEPT picture books from the first link

Things to consider when selecting a book:

- What is the focus of my class?
- What lesson does this book relate to?
- Why might this book be a useful addition to advance the curriculum?
- Why is this book banned?

#### Class Rules

Actively listen to your classmates' contributions

Be respectful when responding to/disagreeing with a classmate's viewpoint

Be comfortable with being uncomfortable

Understand that you won't say everything perfect, and neither will your classmates, but this is a place to learn and engage in fruitful conversations

If someone says something that doesn't sit right with you, be willing to have a conversation about it rather than shutting that person down

Be sure that
everyone is ready
to move forward
with the
conversation before
moving on

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#### • Think:

 How did the local context impact your educational experience in K-12?

#### • Pair:

 Give a summary of your paper to the person sitting next to you

#### • Share:

 Any major differences in the education experience between you and your classmate due to your local context?

# Skimming & Scanning

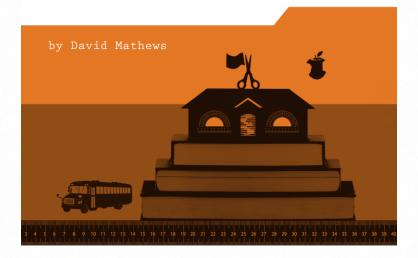


### Mathews, 2016

- What strategies do you use to "skim" an article?
- Implement these techniques to "skim" the article and look for answers to these questions:
  - Why are people torn between what's best for public schools and what's best for their children?
  - Why does the author think there is a disconnect between public schools and the public? Who/what is to blame?
  - How does accountability threaten the relationship between public schools and the public?

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### Skim v. Scan

- How do you "scan" an article?
  - Ex. I need to figure out if this article talks about charter schools. How do I scan the text to see if it's a useful article for me?
- When is it useful to skim? Scan?

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