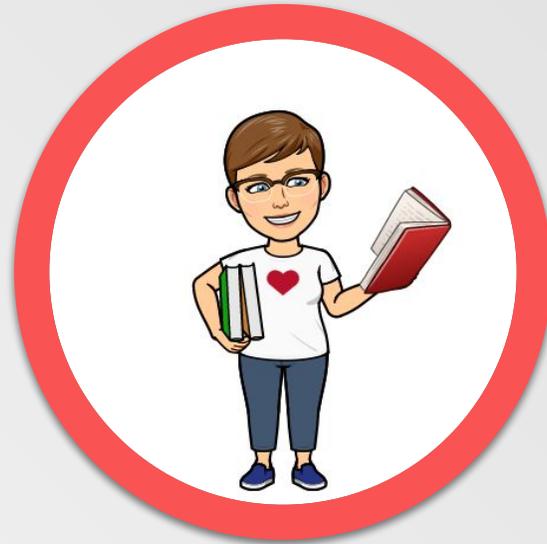




# Collaborative Conversations

Facilitating Fruitful Dialogue with Middle and High Schoolers



# Hello! I'm...

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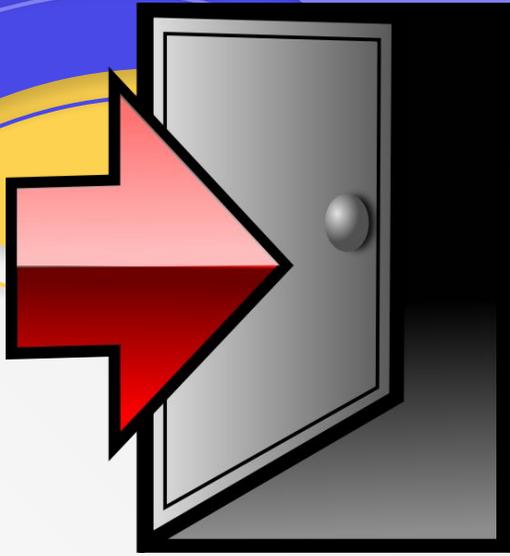
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# Begin with Prayer

- **Prayer models relationship**
  - **Make it invitational**
- **Ask them to participate or lead prayer**



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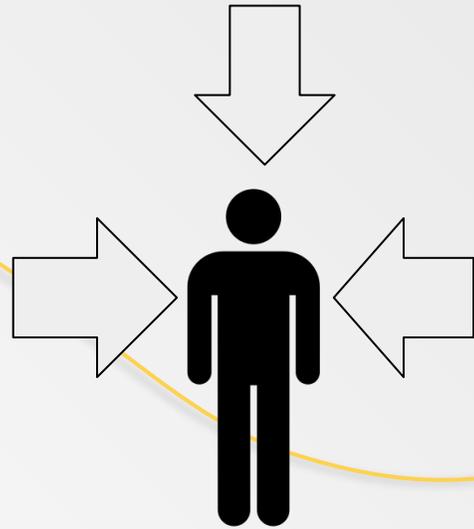
*“enter through their door but (be sure to) leave through your door.”*

— St. Ignatius of Loyola

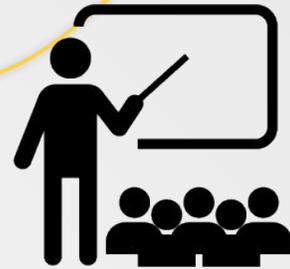
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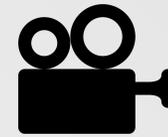
**Make connections**



**Make it about them**



**Let them Teach You**



**Use Pop Culture**

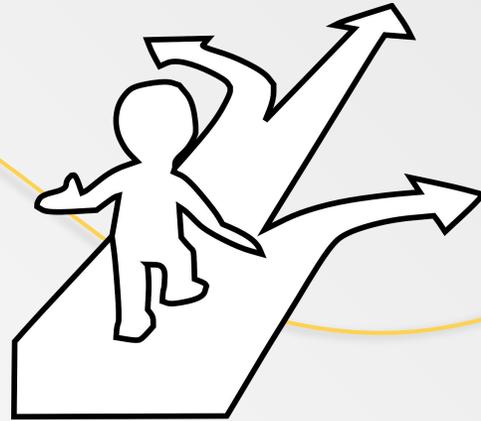


**Activity**

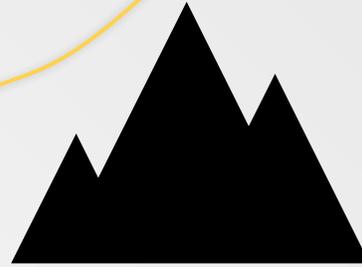
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**Have them perform**



**Give them choices**



**Set a realistic challenge**



**Use Technology**



**Be yourself**

**Most of all...  
make sure  
your students  
know that  
you love  
them!**





**“Tell me more...”**

Let's discuss...

Think about your last discussion group with teens. What made it easy? What made it a challenge?



Students, write your response!

Let's discuss...

What activities or techniques have you used to help promote discussion in the classroom?



Students, write your response!

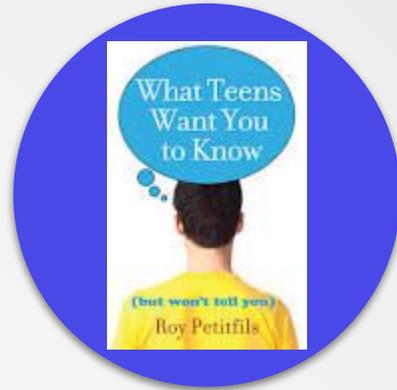
## Let's discuss...

What resources (books, videos, websites, etc) have you used that were helpful in promoting dialogue with your teens?



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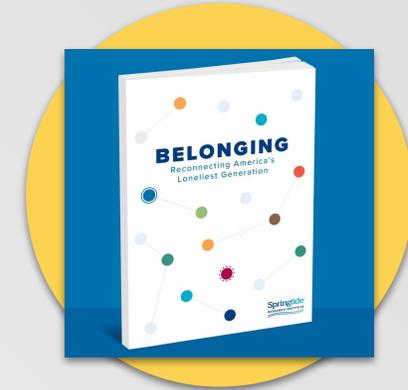
# Some good resources!



**What Teens Want  
You to Know**  
By Roy Petitfils



**Helping Teens  
with Stress,  
Anxiety and  
Depression**  
By Roy Petitfils



**BELONGING:**  
**Reconnecting  
America's Loneliest  
Generation**  
By Springtide  
Research

# Thank you!

**Questions?**

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