

Socratic Conversation Method

School:

GO! Atheneum Unescoschool

Global Competence dimension:

- ☐ Examine issues of local, global and cultural significance
- ☒ Understand and appreciate the perspectives and world views of others
- ☐ Engage in open, appropriate and effective interactions across cultures
- ☐ Take action for collective well-being and sustainable development

Subject:

<input type="checkbox"/>	1 NO POVERTY 	<input type="checkbox"/>	2 ZERO HUNGER 	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 QUALITY EDUCATION 	<input type="checkbox"/>	5 GENDER EQUALITY 	<input type="checkbox"/>	6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION 
<input type="checkbox"/>	7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY 	<input type="checkbox"/>	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 	<input type="checkbox"/>	9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 	<input type="checkbox"/>	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES 	<input type="checkbox"/>	11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES 	<input type="checkbox"/>	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION 
<input type="checkbox"/>	13 CLIMATE ACTION 	<input type="checkbox"/>	14 LIFE BELOW WATER 	<input type="checkbox"/>	15 LIFE ON LAND 	<input type="checkbox"/>	16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS 	<input type="checkbox"/>	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS 		

21st century Skills:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Critical thinking	<input type="checkbox"/>	Creativity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Collaboration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Communication
<input type="checkbox"/>	Information literacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Media literacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technology literacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Flexibility
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Productivity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social skills

Target groups:

- ☐ Primary education
 ☒ Secondary education
 ☐ Other: (specify)

Age group: 17 - 18

School context:

GO! Atheneum Unescoschool is a secondary school for general education of the Education of the Flemish (GO!) in Brussels. Our 57 teachers give their best every day to education our 640 pupils to become a active, critical and responsible action.

We offer general education with study options in Latin, science, economics and human sciences.

Description:

The Socratic method is a form of cooperative argumentative dialogue between individuals guided by a facilitator, based on asking and answering questions to stimulate critical thinking and to draw out ideas and underlying presuppositions. The topic of discussion is provided by the participants.

Learning Outcomes:

Critical thinking: The Socratic method is a method of hypothesis elimination, in that better hypotheses are found by steadily identifying and eliminating those that lead to contradictions

The Socratic method searches for general, commonly held truths that shape beliefs and scrutinizes them to determine their consistency with other beliefs. The basic form is a series of questions formulated as tests of logic and fact intended to help a person or group discover their beliefs about some topic; exploring definitions, and seeking to characterize general characteristics shared by various particular instances.

Time Schedule:

At least 2 periods (100 – 120 min.)

Activities:

- Teacher explains about Socrates, who is he, link to the subject (Classical languages, history, speaking skills, philosophy, languages).

- The workshop is guided by someone trained in the Socrates method.

Impact:

- Learners appreciate listening
- Students learn how to form an opinion
- Students learn how to listen to each other
- Students learn to (dis)agree on something.

Supporting documents:

<https://socratischgesprek.be/?lang=en>

Video recording:

[Video Socratic Conversation Method](#)

