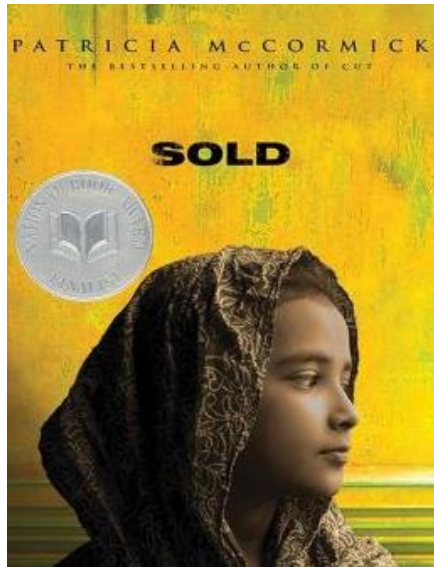


Literature and Social Studies Unit

Grade Level: 11-12 / ELL Level: 2-3

This was an interdisciplinary course combining the study of literature with research and writing in the social studies sphere.



UNIT 1 Literature Study:

Semester 1 (4 weeks)

Goals

- Reading for understanding
- Communicative/expressive language
- Increased content knowledge regarding a significant global issue
- Empathetic exploration/connection

Students from three ELL classes at Edison Senior High School completed a four week literature unit which featured the reading of Patricia McCormick's fictional novel "Sold." This was read and discussed in-class with additional reading periodically assigned as homework. The novel explored the life and experiences of a young girl caught up in human trafficking.

UNIT 2 Project Based Learning/Social Studies Unit:

Semester 2 (6 weeks)

Goals

- Collaborative research/content exploration
- Creation of human centered social action project
- Commit knowledge to action at the local level for addressing a global challenge

Once the novel was complete, students began to research human trafficking at both the local and global level. Minneapolis was actually ranked as the 12th biggest US urban center in terms of human trafficking so students were immediately engaged based on the local prevalence of such a global issue/challenge.



FINAL PROJECT:

Regional Festival (April 2015)

Students designed pamphlets and online resources to raise awareness of human trafficking. Additionally, students sought to partner these campaigns with outreach efforts by government task forces and organizations tasked with addressing the issue legally and socially.