

RETHINKING THE CLASSICS: *The Outsiders*

Introduction

Open & Respectful Discussions

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

Themes & Essential Questions

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How are different social classes treated in society?

Author Interview: ["'Caste' Author Isabel Wilkerson on America's Race and Class Hierarchy](#) (6:17)

PBS NewsHour interviews Pulitzer Prize-winning author Isabel Wilkerson about her newest book, [Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents](#). In it, Wilkerson goes deep into American history to reveal our "own insidious and artificial caste system, a strict hierarchy with rules that set in place both privilege and privation." She exposes unconscious biases that reinforce a caste system that dictates who gets to be in power and who does not.

Student-Centered Activity:

This is a perfect time to introduce the [iceberg](#) strategy with your students. After watching the video, give students one minute to silently reflect on the content before putting students into groups of 2-3. Then, hand out this [iceberg diagram](#) and ask students to think about what would go at the top of the iceberg.

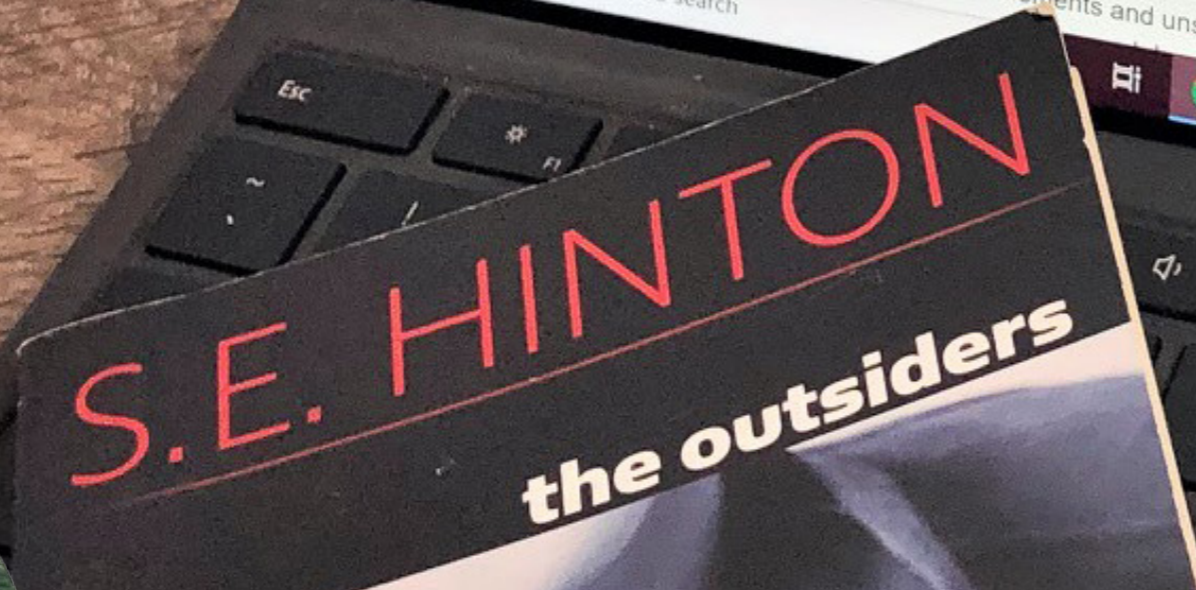
- What manifestations of caste do we see played out in society?
- How do people consciously and subconsciously reinforce the caste system in the U.S.?
- What are some of the motivations behind upholding the caste system?
- What systems and policies keep the caste system firmly rooted in our society?

After students write down their responses and discuss the tip of the iceberg, move on to what's below the surface. Give each group time to dissect the origins and factors that keep the iceberg anchored in society. Finally, display the diagrams around the room. Allow each group to move through all of the diagrams before returning to their own to add information gleaned from their peers.

Video: [A Brief History of Environmental Justice](#) (3:35)

In recent years, more attention has been paid to the connection between social class and the environment. As this ProPublica video illustrates, people who live in poorer areas are more likely to be exposed to toxic elements and unsafe environmental resources (i.e. [contaminated drinking water](#)). For a story about how

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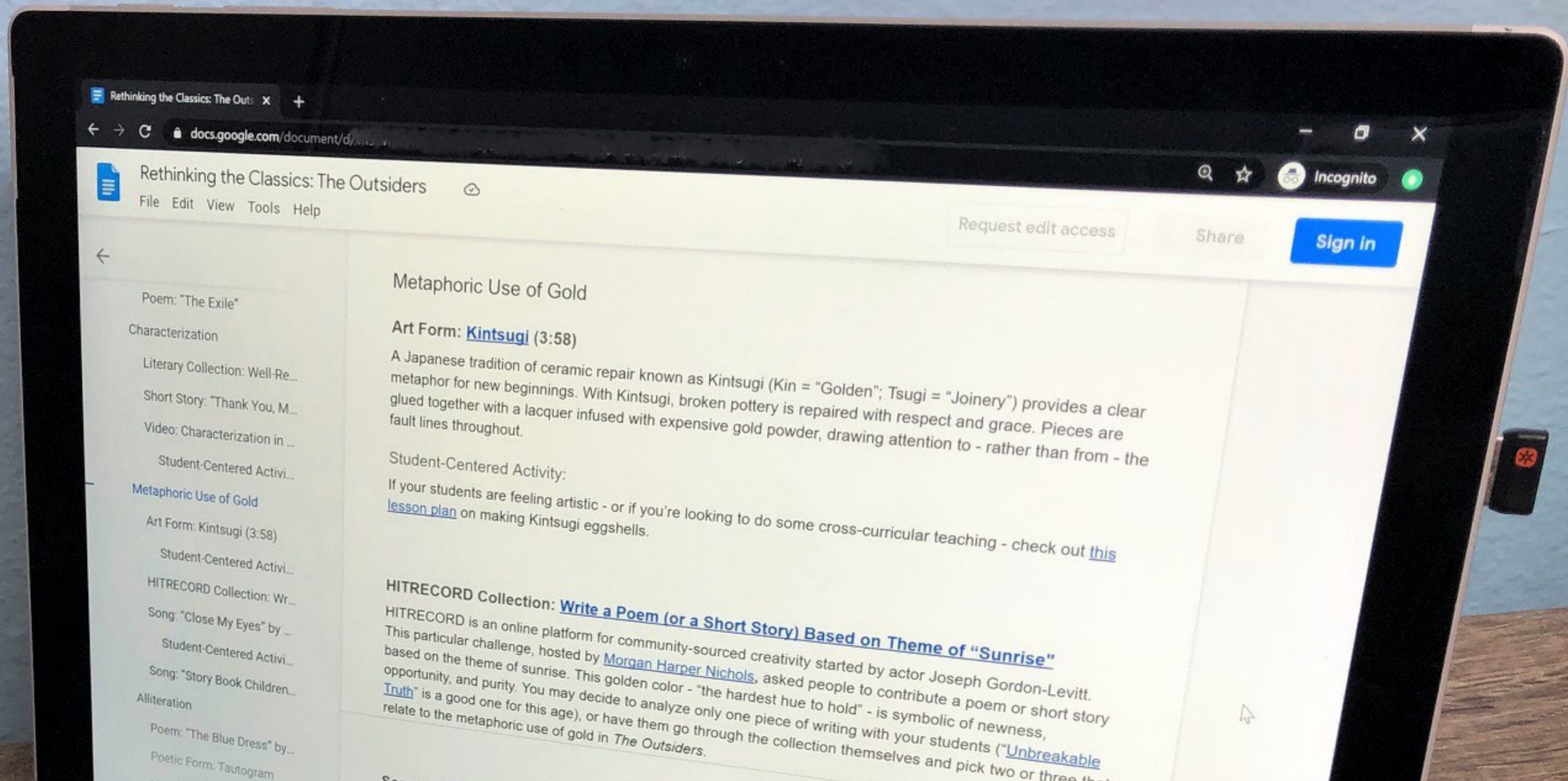
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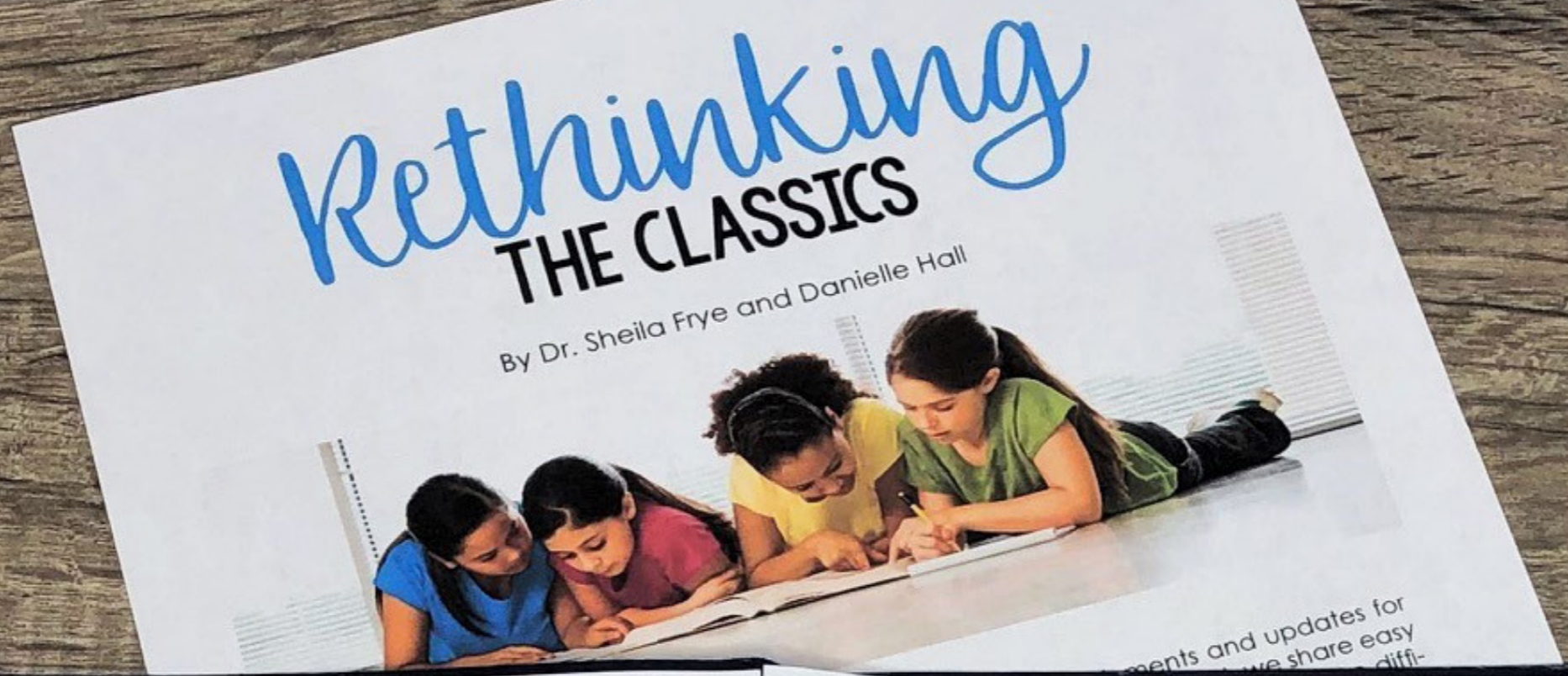
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By Dr. Sheila Frye

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A protester reacts standing in front of a building set on fire during a demonstration in Minneapolis on May 29, 2020, over the death of George Floyd at the hands of police. (Chandan Khanna/AFP/Getty Images)

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