

The rationale for this unit is to engage students in understanding the feelings of others by introducing them to characters in books and short movie clips. In doing so, the students will be able to recognize emotions and feelings through verbal and nonverbal cues. Once students recognize those feelings and emotions and have gained a sense of empathy, the lessons will allow them to practice how to respond to others in a variety of situations through the use of activities, games, art, and community service.