

The Woodson Principles

Critical Thinking & Discussion Questions

Select from the following critical thinking exercises. Younger students will benefit from guided discussions on the topics while those in grades 5-8 can answer questions independently or work in groups.

Robert L. Woodson Sr. is an American civil rights activist. Can you name some other civil rights activists?

Which do you think is more helpful: neighborhood-based solutions to help communities or government programs? Or both? Do you have any other ideas for ways to improve communities that are struggling?

What are some of the challenges faced by people in low-income communities? What do you think might help?

Bob Woodson worked as a Social Worker. What does a Social Worker do? What other kinds of jobs help people in communities where they live?

Bob Woodson has worked with groups such as the NAACP, the National Urban League, and the American Enterprise Institute. Have you heard of any of these groups before? What kinds of things do these groups do?

What kinds of groups and organizations interest you? Do you belong to any community groups or clubs?

When there is a situation that needs to be improved, does it make more sense to you to focus first on what's going wrong or on what's going right? Why?

What makes someone a good leader?

Can you see yourself as a neighborhood or even national leader? If so, what issues would be most important to you?