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- The first immigrant to arrive was 15-year-old Annie Moore from Ireland.
- Ellis Island operated from 1892 to 1954.
- Over 12 million people were passed through Ellis Island between 1892 and 1924 to get to the United States.
- It has had several names in history including Gull Island, Oyster Island, and Gibbet Island.
- The island is owned by the federal government and is considered part of both New York and New Jersey.
- Ellis Island's busiest year was 1907 when over 1 million immigrants came through.
- The island was nicknamed the "Island of Hope" for many immigrants coming to America to find a better life.

The **Socratic method** (commonly known as the *Socratic Seminar*) is a form of cooperative dialogue between individuals based on asking and answering questions. Its purpose is to stimulate critical thinking and to draw out ideas.

During the **Socratic method** the teacher is a model of critical thinking, who respects students viewpoints, probes their understanding and shows genuine interest in their thinking. The teacher begins by posing questions that are meaningful and purposeful.

Role of the Teacher:

- 1- Plan questions that provide structure and direction to the lesson.
- 2- Phrase the questions clearly and specifically.
- 3- Wait Time: Give the students at least 5-10 seconds to respond.
- 4- Keep the discussion focused.
- 5- Follow up on students responses and invite them to elaborate.
- 6- Periodically summarize the discussion (chart paper, whiteboard or on a smart board)
- 7- Draw in as many students as possible into the discussion.
- 8- Do not pose yes or no questions.
- 9- Be mindful of the students levels when asking questions.

Role of the Student:

- 1-Participate when called upon.
- 2-Answer questions carefully and clearly.
- 3-Address the whole class so that everyone can be included.



One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way.

"My journey to America by Marika Pamrowska"

Class:4-401, Mr. DiMeo

My name is Marika and I have an interesting story about how my family and I came to America. My parents and big sister were born in Poland, but I wasn't. I was actually born in Ireland, which makes me Irish and Polish. We moved to America when I was about 8 years old. I miss my family and friends back in Ireland, but one thing I don't miss is all of the rain! It rained all the time! I also miss not living in my house. However, I do like living in America. I have new friends and I like going to all the great places in New York City. I like visiting my family on Long Island too! This is just a little bit about my journey to America.

