

# Critical Pedagogy: Notes from the Real World

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**“Pedagogy** is to good interactive teaching and learning in the classroom as **critical pedagogy** is to good interactive teaching and learning in the classroom and in the real world”

Joan Wink, p.1

# Why in the World Does Critical Pedagogy Matter?

- ▶ "Critical pedagogy gives *voice* to the voiceless, gives *power* to the powerless." – p. 6
- ▶ "Critical pedagogy is teaching and learning that transforms us and our world for the better. Critical pedagogy gives us the courage to say what we have lived. Critical pedagogy challenges us to question our long-held assumptions."
- ▶ **It matters because our children's future is at stake. Being an effective teacher requires us to transform ourselves and our thinking into something more than what it is-something timeless, something that gives power to every student.**



# What in the World is Critical Pedagogy?

- ▶ Pedagogy is the strong connection between teaching and learning.
- ▶ Critical pedagogy asks us to think and act on our teaching and learning.
- ▶ *With all of the examples and anecdotes provided, I was able to gain a better understanding of critical pedagogy.*

# Where in the World did Critical Pedagogy come from?

- ▶ *Dr. Wink takes us into history's long development of critical pedagogy beginning with Socrates.*
- ▶ SPA (Socrates, Plato, Aristotle)
- ▶ *Each of these significant figures in history makes us aware of the importance of dialogue, questioning, and taking action.*
  - *Socratic Dialogue*



“Peeling the Onion”

# How in the World do you do Critical Pedagogy?

- ▶ *It takes a look into different approaches, perspectives, and theories that help with critical pedagogy.*
  - Problem Solving
  - Popcorn
  - Pair Share
  - Dialogue Journal
- ▶ *This chapter serves as a “go-to” tool for us, as future teachers, to become inspired for new ideas.*

*“We don’t do critical pedagogy;  
we live it.” – Dr. Wink, p. 167*

# Where in the World do we go from Here?

- ▶ *This asks us to look into our generations, their influences, and environment. This will give us a deeper perspective into our students.*
- ▶ Pedagogy takes time.
  - Courage and Patience
  - Coverage vs. Time



*"Critical Pedagogy has taught me that my actions can make a difference. Won't you join me?"*

*– Dr. Wink, p. 210*

# Reflection

I truly enjoy this book. As I continue to read this book, I find that this serves as a multi-purpose book for us, as future teachers, to read, become inspired, and to open our eyes to many new ideas. The many anecdotes spread across the pages is something that I looked forward to. It helped me gain a visual on the material she covered and allowed me to see how it would work in my professional life. There were many ideas and concepts that I have also never thought about before and this “planted a seed” so that my curiosity and learning will grow to ask deeper questions. Above all, this confirmed my ideas of critical pedagogy. It affirmed that we need to think, plan, and react to our students. There is no standard student. Every student is different and every part of their learning should reflect this.