



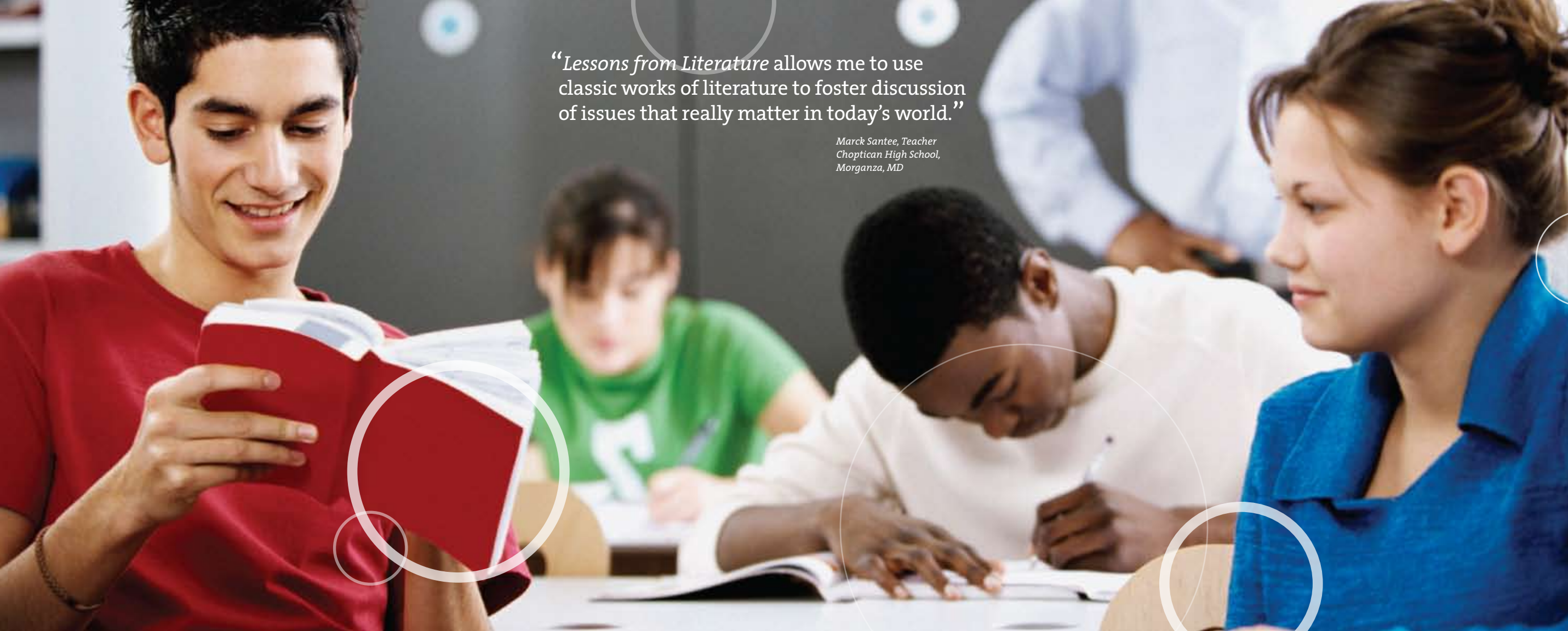
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Bring *Lessons from Literature* to your classroom today!

EMPOWERING TEACHERS SO STUDENTS THRIVE
Lessons from Literature



“*Lessons from Literature* allows me to use classic works of literature to foster discussion of issues that really matter in today’s world.”

Marck Santee, Teacher
Chopticon High School,
Morganza, MD

PROGRAM ELEMENTS

Lessons from Literature empowers you with academically rich and actionable tools to help your students recognize the impact of their choices, identify alternatives to violence, and build healthy relationships.

● **Sample lessons** aligned with National Standards for the English Language Arts that address themes of abuse, violence, inequality, family/interpersonal issues, and more.

● A **Lesson Template** for you to modify and create your own lesson plans using the stories you may already be teaching in your classroom.

● **Visual handouts** and other materials to prepare you and your students to discuss themes of abuse.

● An online **Resource Library** that offers books, poems, essays, photos, and more to help you build your own deep and meaningful lessons.

● A **teaching community** to share lesson plans, teaching tips, and program feedback with other educators.

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As an educator, you are a key influencer and mentor who can help students achieve their goals and lead healthy lives. *Lessons from Literature* calls on English teachers like you — from all across the country — to use the books and stories you’re already teaching to facilitate discussion and increase awareness about the damaging effects of physical, verbal, and sexual abuse. You may be aware that an alarming 1 in 3 high school teenagers report knowing a friend or peer who has been physically hurt by someone they are dating. *Lessons from Literature* provides learning opportunities that not only meet national standards, but also engage your students on the importance of safe and supportive relationships.

WELCOME TO LESSONS FROM LITERATURE!

WHAT TEACHERS CAN DO

- **Be clear.** Tell your students that abuse is unacceptable and that this is an issue you take very seriously.
- **Encourage discussion.** Ask students what they think about abuse. Encourage them to think critically about important real life issues such as violence.
- **Listen.** Listen to what students tell you and what you see and hear. Let them know you care and are paying attention.
- **Be prepared.** Notify your school counselor when you suspect abuse.
- **Spread the word.** Enlist your fellow teachers and administrators in raising awareness of teen dating violence.

A conscious, responsible, and respectful 21st century is in your students’ hands. Help them grasp it.

Take on *Lessons from Literature* in your class today!