

K-5 ELA INSTRUCTIONAL REVIEW OBJECTION FORM #5718853

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Objection #1

Textbook: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt - Florida Into Reading

Page Number: Florida Program Guide/ Grade 1-2/ p. 118

Objection Based: Bias

Objection: Embed Social and Emotional Learning.

Focuses on Social and Emotional Learning (SEL); promotes feelings, not academics. SEL is a tenet of Critical Race Theory (CRT). By teaching emotion and not fact, a student is trained to think emotionally not logically. Rather than dealing with a problem, a student would learn to have a temper tantrum, run to their safe space while becoming a "snowflake." We cannot run a country on emotion. We need strong, virtuous citizens in order to maintain a constitutional republic.

Objection #2

Textbook: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt - Florida Into Reading

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Objection Based: Bias

Objection: Create Culturally Responsive Environment. The 1st paragraph begins "In our divisive society, ?.." which implants/introduces negative learning and stresses differences versus commonalities; the 2nd paragraph "Consider the following suggestions for promoting a culturally responsive, anti-bias environment for your classroom." which teaches children to look

at culture, color, and ethnicity; suggestions inappropriate as they speak to: "Be mindful of gender considerations, reinforcing gender-neutral versions of common words such as businessperson or firefighter"; "Expose children to books and other learning resources that reflect their ethnicity, culture, family structure, or socioeconomic status." and "Educate children about the history, traditions, and contributions of various groups" - CRT covert language that continues to divide and place people in boxes.

Embrace Differences - Yes we are all different but the one thing that must be learned is that we are all Americans. Kids that age don't see differences unless they are constantly pointed out to them. " If the focus is differences, then differences are the focus." When do they learn about America? America works best when our culture is taught as a melting pot when all cultures come together. You cannot learn about America if America is eliminated. This is divide and conquer without assimilation.