

## **A Novel Approach**

### **Criteria for Creating Gift of Words**

- Powerful phrases that make us stop, notice and think
- Variety of words and phrases
- Evokes feelings and/or emotions
- Helps to build a personal connection and deeper understanding
- Builds appreciation towards language (literary devices, metaphors, simile, alliteration, etc.)
- Leads students to react and evoke emotions when using the following strategies:
  - Visualizations
  - Inferencing
  - Synthesizing

### **Criteria for Thinking and Learning Questions**

- Open ended enough – does not limit thinking
- Allows for thinking about different big ideas
- Allows for multiple interpretations to promote discussions
- Asks for thinking and opinions supported by evidence
- Helps develop a deeper understanding of the story, character, big idea, self, life, etc.
- Pushes and/or clarifies thinking
- Challenges assumptions