



Independent thinking at KS4: Philosophy for children

**These lessons should follow the 'Self Destruct' lessons and learners should have some background knowledge of Dylan Thomas and his life before commencing this task.

1. Introduce the nature of P4C and ask learners to consider the objectives and rules carefully.
2. Follow the PowerPoint presentation looking at deceit and lies.
3. The purpose of P4C is to allow learners to express their views as and when they want - do not force them to contribute or share views, simply encourage natural discussion.
4. After the lesson concerning deceit and lies (this will warm them up to the idea of a role model) ask learners to revisit biographical detail about DT and to consider and discuss whether he is a positive role model (ensure they don't simply focus on the tumultuous side of his character but also on his achievements)
5. This could be developed and other writers could be discussed too.