

PART ONE

LESSON 1: THE 2022-2023 VOCALESSENCE WITNESS PROGRAM AND CONCERT THEME

Students will reflect on and speculate about the meaning of the two words in the concert title, *Reawakening Love*, wonder why it was chosen, and create acronyms from the four letters in the word **LOVE**.

STEP 1: Introduce the concert title, *Reawakening Love*. Ask students to speculate and discuss the words and why they were chosen. Here are some prompts for their discussion:

- “What is Love?” Is it possible to define “Love?” Urge students to consider a broad focus.
- Define “awakening” and “reawakening.” What do these words mean?
- Speculate as a class about the meaning of these two words when they are put together. Why do you think VocalEssence created this title for the 2023 WITNESS program and concert?

STEP 2: Shift gears and ask students if they recall what an **acronym** is.

- Ask students what they know about acronyms. Acronyms are words or names created from the first letters of a longer name or phrase. For example, ASAP is an acronym for ‘As Soon As Possible.’
- Ask for examples of other acronyms and jot them on the board. Add more from the list of well-known acronyms, below.

STEP 3: If **L.O.V.E.** were an acronym, what four words might it represent?

- As a class, create one or more acronym related to the concert title for the letters in L.O.V.E.
- Divide into pairs or trios and ask students to create their own four-word acronyms from L.O.V.E. They can write responses on the following student worksheet, included in this lesson. Using dictionaries online or in book form is fine, and so is (appropriate) humor! Challenge them to invent acronyms related to the concert title, but all acronyms are acceptable.
- Share the responses in class. Post them on the board for future consideration.

WELL-KNOWN ACRONYMS

RADAR: Radio Detection and Range

PIN: Personal Identification Number

AWOL: Absent Without Official Leave (or Absent Without Leave)

LASER: Light Amplification by the Stimulated Emission of Radiation

SCUBA: Self-contained underwater breathing apparatus

NATO: North Atlantic Treaty Organization

UNICEF: United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund

FBI: Federal Bureau of Investigation

DIY: Do It Yourself

FYI: For Your Information

TBH: To Be Honest

MINNESOTA STANDARDS CONNECTIONS...

English Language Arts:

Craft & Structure:

Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining... connotative and figurative meanings...

DEFINITIONS

Awakening: to stop sleeping; to become aware of something for the first time; to arouse thoughts, feelings, etc.

Reawakening: to awaken someone again.

Love: deep feelings of affection; to like very much; affection (romantic and non-romantic).

Acronym: an innovative word, title, or name formed from the initial/first letters of other words.

HOW MANY ACRONYMS CAN YOU CREATE?

Connect at least one to the WITNESS concert theme:

Reawakening Love



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