



## Objective

Inspiring ideas, dialogue, and lives

## Challenge

We use the Shared Inquiry method to help K–12 students learn to think about what they read, express and develop their ideas, and learn from one another. Adults who participate in Great Books groups enjoy these same benefits, establishing a foundation for civil discourse and helping to create a better informed, more thoughtful society.

## Who We Are

An independent, nonprofit educational organization, the Great Books Foundation fosters an inquiry-based approach to reading and discussion for students and adults in all walks of life. We believe that literacy and critical thinking help develop reflective and well-informed citizens. Our goal is to inspire people of all ages to become more knowledgeable, reflective, and engaged citizens.

## What We Do

- We create reading and discussion programs for students and adults in the conviction that literacy and critical thinking help people of all ages become more knowledgeable, reflective, and engaged citizens.
- We teach preK–12 students in Great Books programs how to think critically—sparking a passion for literature and ideas through the discussion of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and drama.
- We provide instruction for teachers, parents, and adult volunteers in the Shared Inquiry™ method of teaching and learning. Developed by Great Books, Shared Inquiry promotes close reading, careful questioning, active listening, and the respectful exchange of ideas.
- We create partnerships with educational and community organizations to advance reading and discussion as a means for exploring shared concerns and common ground.