TOK. Language, emotion and values.

Please choose one of the activities below to complete in class today.

1. Select an article from a newspaper and analyze the way in which language is related to emotion and values. You can do it by paying attention to the **selection** of events or facts being reported, the **emphasis** or more detailed treatment of some details rather than others, the **choice of words** in the description and the **context** in which the description has been placed. Write a 2-3 paragraph analysis in your journal.
2. Choose one incident from your own life. Write a list of 5 to 10 pieces of information about the subject. Then write two descriptions of it which do not contradict each other factually but which communicate quite different values and emotions through your selection of information, the emphasis you place on some information, and your word choice.
3. Imagine you are asked by a person of authority in your life (teacher, parent, coach, etc.) to explain why you did not live up to some obligation. Imagine also, that you really did screw up, but you don’t want to admit it. Explain your way out of this situation, not by lying, but through using idioms, euphemisms, passive voice, and/or ambiguous language.