

Bridging the divide: Bringing society together

Lesson Plan: How can communities come together- Bridge the divide?

FOUR CORNERS ACTIVITY: What is a community? How can it be brought together?

- Aim: To define a community and understand AND discuss how it can be divided and can come together.
- Time: 30- 45 minutes
- Materials: 4 Corner headings, range of statements, paper, pens.

Activity 1]

Paired task: define what you think a community is. Share and discuss ideas.

Activity 2]

Label the four corners of the room with signs reading “Strongly Agree,” “Agree,” “Disagree,” and “Strongly Disagree.”

Divide class into groups: Each group given a different statement sheet.

Communities should only include people who are friends and who like each other.

Communities are made up of people who are working toward a common goal.

Members of a community feel responsible to one another.

Our classroom is a community.

Not everyone can belong; some people must be excluded in order for a community to exist.

Each group is given time to discuss statement and write down ideas.

Ask a representative from each group to move to a corner that best fits their ideas about the statement. They will then be asked to explain his or her opinion.

Facilitate a discussion among students from all corners, encouraging them to ask each other questions and to challenge each other’s ideas. Inform students that it is perfectly acceptable for their opinions to change as they listen to the arguments presented by their classmates. Tell them that they can switch corners at any time to reflect their revised opinions.

Activity 3]

Students write a short summary answer: What best bridges the divide to bring communities together?

AGREE

DISAGREE

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include people who are
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