

Agree or Disagree? - Discrimination

The “Agree or Disagree?” activity consists of a teacher’s guide (see below) and ten statements on a particular subject designed for student discussion. This activity gives students a chance to express opinions in an appropriate manner, both orally and in writing.

The teacher may want to appoint someone to write the class results on the board, in whatever way the teacher sees fit. He or she may just record how many groups agreed with each statement and how many disagreed. A vote could be taken on the best “pro” statement and the best “con” statement.

It is advised that the teacher read the statements over with the class first, explaining any new vocabulary and clarify the meaning of each statement.

Each student or group will have an answer chart that they will complete. Divide the students into pairs or groups and instruct them that they must arrive at a consensus on whether they agree or disagree with each statement on their worksheet chart. They will indicate by underlining or circling whether the group “agrees” or “disagrees”. They must write a sentence that explains *why* they agree or disagree.

The following is given as an example:

“Standing up for yourself is the best way to stop discrimination”.

Agree or disagree? “We agree because people will not change the way they behave unless they understand how it affects others.”

Agree or disagree? “We disagree because someone might get angry at you and it can make things worse.”

Each group will have different statements and this will make for some interesting discussions when taking up the responses.

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<p>Example:</p> <p><i>“Standing up for yourself is the best way to stop discrimination.”</i></p>	<p>Agree?</p> <p>Disagree?</p>	<p>We <u>agree</u> because people will not change the way they behave unless they understand how it affects others.</p> <p>We <u>disagree</u> because someone might get angry at you and it can make things worse.</p>
<p>Statement 1:</p> <p><i>“In most situations, men should take charge and make decisions.”</i></p>	<p>Agree?</p> <p>Disagree?</p>	
<p>Statement 2:</p> <p><i>“To help minorities get ahead, they should be hired ahead of others.”</i></p>	<p>Agree?</p> <p>Disagree?</p>	
<p>Statement 3:</p> <p><i>“Sometimes discrimination is a good thing.”</i></p>	<p>Agree?</p> <p>Disagree?</p>	
<p>Statement 4:</p> <p><i>“Women face more discrimination than men do.”</i></p>	<p>Agree?</p> <p>Disagree?</p>	

<p>Statement 5: <i>“Every person can do something to stop discrimination.”</i></p>	<p>Agree? Disagree?</p>	
<p>Statement 6: <i>“Discrimination is not just about race.”</i></p>	<p>Agree? Disagree?</p>	
<p>Statement 7: <i>“This country has laws about discrimination.”</i></p>	<p>Agree? Disagree?</p>	
<p>Statement 8: <i>“People discriminate because they are afraid of other cultures.”</i></p>	<p>Agree? Disagree?</p>	
<p>Statement 9: <i>“Discrimination is a natural part of human behavior.”</i></p>	<p>Agree? Disagree?</p>	