

The Great Gatsby Philosophical Chairs

Decide if you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statements. Circle one and write one sentence explaining your opinion.

When someone mentions the word "class," as in "upper class" or "lower class," the term refers only to financial status. AGREE DISAGREE

The "American dream" of being able to achieve success regardless of the class into which one is born is possible for everyone. AGREE DISAGREE

You can often determine someone's class status just by his or her appearance: by his or her clothing, car, neighborhood, race, etc. AGREE DISAGREE

A person's level of education is directly related to his or her class status. AGREE DISAGREE

All people are created equal. AGREE DISAGREE

In this country, it is possible for anyone to start out poor, work hard and become rich. AGREE DISAGREE

The government should create programs that make special efforts to help people get ahead who come from low-income backgrounds, regardless of gender or ethnicity. AGREE DISAGREE

Compared with 30 years ago, it is easier to see people moving up from one social class to another.

Compared with European countries, moving up from one social class to another is easier in America.

A person must do whatever it takes to move up in social class. AGREE DISAGREE

The purpose of this activity is to fulfill CA FOCUS STANDARD SA 2.5 Deliver persuasive arguments.

After the Philosophical Chairs Activity, you will evaluate your mastery level by reflecting on your behavior during your participation. In order to show mastery of the standard you must complete every one of the following:

1. FAR BELOW BASIC

I completed some preliminary responses using complete sentences.

2. BELOW BASIC

I completed the preliminary responses using complete sentences and I spoke when it was my turn.

3. BASIC

I spoke using mature academic behavior and vocabulary. I used proposition and support sentence frames when I needed them.

4. PROFICIENT

I respected those around me by waiting for my turn and not participating in side conversations.

5. ADVANCED

I listened to the other side's comments and acknowledged their opinion respectfully during my turn.

My MASTERY LEVEL TODAY WAS: _____

Some of the areas of strength were _____

Something I would like to improve on _____

The class's MASTERY LEVEL TODAY WAS: _____

Some of the areas of strength were _____

Something we need to improve on _____
