Introduction to Mexican American Studies:
Philosophical Chairs

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

In order to make it in this country, one has to learn to fit in and let go of cultural traditions that might get in the way of success.

AGREE   DISAGREE

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Everyone that becomes a citizen of this country should prove that they have mastered the English language.

AGREE   DISAGREE

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I will make sure that if I have children, they will still speak Spanish.

AGREE   DISAGREE

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Traditions and culture do not need to be forgotten in order to become a true American.

AGREE   DISAGREE

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A person that forgets about their cultural heritage is betraying the community that they come from.

AGREE   DISAGREE

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We must be active in fighting forces that oppress our communities and hold us back.

AGREE   DISAGREE

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A person must be proud of their cultural background in order to be truly successful and happy.

AGREE   DISAGREE

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STUDENT SELF ASSESSMENT

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 evidence and examples to explain my opinion and 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 _____
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Something I would like to improve on _____
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The class's MASTERY LEVEL TODAY WAS: _____

Some of the areas of strength were _____
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Something we need to improve on _____
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