

Education and Democracy:

Philosophical Chairs

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

Schools should treat EVERY student equally.

AGREE DISAGREE

Schools should promote social equality.

AGREE DISAGREE

Education can close the gaps between the rich and poor.

AGREE DISAGREE

Segregation in education is inevitable.

AGREE DISAGREE

Gender inequality in no longer a problem in our school systems.

AGREE DISAGREE

Education should liberate individual minds above all else.

AGREE DISAGREE

The most important role of education is to give individuals job skills.

AGREE DISAGREE

Education limits wisdom.

AGREE DISAGREE

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

Besides behaviors 1-3 I respected those around me by waiting for my turn and not participating in side conversations.

5. ADVANCED

In addition to behaviors 1-4, I listened to the other side's comments and acknowledged their opinion by restating it respectfully before responding.

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 _____
