

# Setting Our Classroom Up For Social Science Success

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Discussion, Ice Breakers, and Creating Norms

- \* Think before you speak.
- \* Listen carefully to what others have to say.
- \* Do not interrupt when some one else is speaking.
- \* Make use of what others have to say when it is your turn to speak.
- \* Support good ideas that other people have, even if they are different from your own.

- \* Only say what you truly believe.
- \* Do not remain silent. Make sure to contribute to the discussion.
- \* Let other people speak. Do not hog the discussion. Once you are done speaking, let at least two other people talk before you speak again.
- \* Search for the best solution even if it is different from the way that you thought at first.

# Activity 1

- \* Quick, gather by birth month
- \* Within your group:
  - \* How do you create a group where all participants feel comfortable?

# Activity 2

- \* Quick, gather by shirt colour
- \* Within your group:
  - \* What is sociology?

# Activity 3

- \* Find your SAME psychologist
- \* ICE BREAKER #1
  - \* Collaborative Drawing

# Activity 4

- \* Within your group:
  - \* Is it alright to voice an opposing opinion to someone else's idea in class?
  - \* If yes, how do you do so in a positive manner?

# Activity 5

- \* Gather by similar shoes
- \* Within your group:
  - \* What is psychology?



# Activity 6

- \* Gather by SAME sociologists
- \* ICE BREAKER #2
  - \* What am I game?

# Activity 7

- \* Within your group:
  - \* How do you create a group where all participants feel comfortable?

# Activity 8

- \* Quick, gather by the first four people you make eye contact with
- \* Within your group:
  - \* What is anthropology?

# Activity 9

- \* Order yourselves by height, create a group of four
- \* Within your group:
  - \* What is one thing you would like to study from and SAP perspective this year?

# Activity 10

- \* Choose your own group of four
- \* Create a list of 'classroom norms'