

What's Important to You?



Introductory Activity

- have everyone write down the five-ten things that are most important to them (Health? Money? Family? etc) that are most important to them on separate slips of paper
- tell them due to certain circumstances, they must give up one of their items (they must crumple it up and throw it on the floor)
- next have them turn over all of their cherished items.... tell them due to certain circumstances, they must give up ANOTHER one of their items (they must crumple it up and throw it on the floor without knowing which one it was!)
- next have half the room (all the girls, all those not wearing jeans, etc. etc.) get to take away a cherished item of those left over
- last have the person in a position of authority (teacher, principal, etc) randomly go around and crumple up most or all of only some individual's rights.
- debrief and discuss

Notes from PowerPoint Slideshow

- What things are all humans entitled to, regardless of ethnicity, nationality, sex, and related factors?
 - security
 - liberty
 - political
 - due process
 - equality
 - welfare
 - group
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)
- United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR) is Canadian Louise Arbour
- UDHR is not law binding, so...
 - Canadian Charter of Rights & Freedoms
 - Fundamental Freedoms
 - Democratic Rights
 - Mobility Rights
 - Legal Rights
 - Equality Rights
 - Official Languages of Canada
 - Minority Language Educational Rights
 - Ontario Human Rights Code
- Agencies
 - United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)
 - Canadian Human Rights Commission (CHRC)
 - Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC)