



Definitions of Respect

As a class, develop an agreed upon definition of respect for your classroom. Begin this process by discussing the following questions with your students.

- ◆ Do you have to get respect in order to give respect? Which comes first?
- ◆ How do adults show students respect?
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- ◆ Why does or doesn't respect matter to you?
- ◆ Are there situations when one should not be respectful? Why or why not?
- ◆ Who do you consider a respectable person? Why?
- ◆ In what ways are peers respectful to each other?
- ◆ How do peers treat each other disrespectfully?
- ◆ Should you treat someone with respect even if you disagree with his or her views? Why or why not?

Building on your class discussion, take the following steps to develop a deeper understanding of respect:

1. Brainstorm words students associate with respect.
2. Develop a class definition of respectful behavior.
3. Create a visual representation of the class' agreed upon definition.