



Perspectives

Discussion: What do you think the phrase “Where you sit depends on where you stand” means?

Activity: Divide the class into two different groups and assign each group a different perspective. Provide each group with the same scenario. Conduct a mini-debate for the scenario. How does each perspective affect “where you sit?”

<u>Scenario</u>	<u>Perspective</u>
The school board just passed a uniform policy for all students. Do you agree or disagree with this position?	1. Teachers 2. Students
In your town, new environmental laws are enacted to protect a threatened animal. The laws reduce the amount of pollution factories can produce. How does this affect you?	1. Factory owners 2. Biologists
A decision was made by your state to send food aid to developing countries. How does this affect you?	1. Local nonprofits 2. Politicians
The country decided to send more troops overseas. How might this decision affect you?	1. Military 2. Someone on a pension
Colleges accept students with athletic ability even though they are not academically qualified. Is this fair?	1. Athletic student 2. Academic student
Taxes are raised to pay for universal health care. What is your position and why?	1. Republican 2. Democrat
High school should be optional. Do you agree? Disagree? Why?	1. Students 2. College Professors

Challenge: In your group, develop four scenarios that have no right or wrong answers, just different perspectives on the same issue. Decide on one perspective for your group to take and challenge the other group to defend a different perspective.