

Directions for Philosophical Chairs

1. Read the philosophical statement and decide if you agree or disagree.
2. Sit facing each other across the center of the room depending on your response to the statement.
3. If undecided, sit in the neutral zone so that you can see both sides.
4. Students address each other by their first names.
5. Briefly summarize the previous speaker's points before stating his/her own comments.
6. Think before you speak and organize your thoughts (I have three points to make....first....).
7. After speaking, wait until at least two students speak before speaking again.
8. One speaker at a time, others are listeners.
9. Address the ideas, not the person.
10. Students sitting in the neutral zone must take notes on both sides. If his/her position changes, she may move to the appropriate side and then must state why he/she came to this conclusion.