***Respecting Communities***

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| **Objective:** Evaluate various scenarios and consider how to respond in a way that respects a community. |

As a reminder, we’ve been defining respect as: demonstrating high regard for someone or something; treating yourself and others in a way that shows concern and support.

1. What are some examples of communities you are part of? Jot them below:



1. Select one of the communities that you are a part of. What might someone do to act with respect toward that community?

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1. How is respecting a community similar to or different from respecting an individual? Why might it be important to respect communities in the same way it is important to respect people?

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**Directions**: Each scenario below represents a situation in which a shared norm or expectation has been violated and actions might be perceived as disrespectful. For each one, explain:

* Where do you see a lack of respect in this situation?
* How might the situation be rectified (corrected) to show respect? Consider how someone might point out a lack of respect, or how someone might apologize for or fix that situation.

The response to the scenario below is done for you as an example. Read it and underline any part that resonates with you. Do you have any other advice to rectify the situation? Add your thoughts in the blank space in the table.

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| **Example Scenario**: At school, all of the tenth graders gather in the auditorium for a community meeting. They’re discussing community norms, and Jared and Demitri, two tenth graders, are sitting at the periphery, whispering while both peers and school leaders speak.   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Where do you see a lack of respect?** | **What might be done to rectify (correct) the situation?** | | Both Jared and Demitri are acting with a lack of respect for their community. By continuously talking to one another while others are speaking and not engaging with the task, they are communicating to their peers and teachers that this is not important to them. | To rectify their actions, Jared and Demitri should first stop talking and be attentive to their peers and school leaders in that moment and moving forward. If it’s a pressing issue that Jared and Demitri need to discuss, they should ask an adult if they can step outside of the auditorium.  They should also consider apologizing to the community for disrupting the meeting. | |

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**Scenario 1**: Today is the last day of class before grades close for the quarter. In 1st period Spanish class, students must present a group skit to their peers. Isabella is running late to school, though, and she knows her group is scheduled to go first, but she had a rough morning.

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| **Where do you see a lack of respect?** | **What might be done to rectify (correct) the situation?** |
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**Scenario 2**: Tyra and Maggie are co-captains of their high school cheerleading team, the Bobcats. It’s tradition for the Bobcats to greet the visiting cheerleading squad and shake everyone’s hands. When Tyra and Maggie gather their teammates to head across the basketball court and say hello to the visiting cheerleaders, the rival Flames, the Flames all stand up and walk away, refusing to acknowledge them.

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**Scenario 3**: During math class, Mr. Jones is facilitating a discussion about a problem. He calls on a series of students to share their ideas. Two students in the back of the room keep whispering and passing notes.

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| **Where do you see a lack of respect?** | **What might be done to rectify (correct) the situation?** |
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1. Now that you’ve considered a few scenarios in which someone shows a lack of respect for a community, have your answers to the questions below changed? Explain why or why not.

*How is respecting a community similar to or different from respecting an individual? Why might it be important to respect communities in the same way it is important to respect people?*

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