



Community Building Circle Template

Teacher: _____ Date: _____ Period: _____

1. Welcome: Welcome participants

2. Opening: How will you open the circle? A poem, quote, song, breathing, story, movement exercise...?

3. Purpose: What are you planning on accomplishing today?

4. Explain the Centerpiece: It represents our community and is a place to focus your attention. You may identify any items in the center and why they are there, collectively built.

5. Explain the Talking Piece: What object are you using and why? When you have the talking piece, you are the only one talking, and the job of the rest of us is to listen.

6. Circle Core Guidelines: Agreements that will help us stay focused during our circle. Go over the guidelines as a reminder to students.



7. Values: Like a compass that keeps us on track and guides us back when we've lost our way. Please share a value that is important to you, which we should all hold in mind as we sit together today.

8. Introduction/Check-in Round: What question will you ask for the initial check-in round? Ex. On a scale of 1-10, Today I am a...

9. Community Building Activity I: What needs to be addressed in the circle? What questions will you ask?

10. Community Building Activity II:

11. Check-out Round: What questions do you want to present to bring closure to the circle? Ex. How are people feeling right now? What can you take from this circle that is helpful to you?)

12. Closing: How will you close the circle? A poem, quote, song, meditations & visualizations, story, group-building exercises, movement exercises, etc.

Thank you for participating in the Circle!