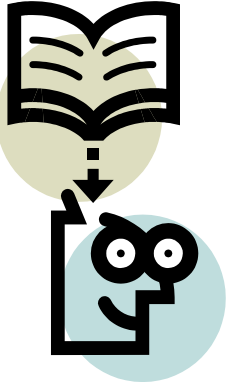


WHY SCHOOL?



Time Required: 30-45 minutes

Principles:

- Students will acquire attitudes, knowledge, and skills that contribute to effective learning in school and across the lifespan.

Objectives (Students will...):

- Display a positive interest in learning.

GOAL: Students will understand the reasons schools exist.

Activity Statement:

Students will brainstorm their personal reasons for attending school and compare them with the reasons schools exist.

Materials:

1. Pen or pencil
2. Paper

Procedures:

1. Ask students to think for a few minutes about the following question: “Why do you attend school?”
2. Have students work independently for five minutes and write their reasons on a sheet of paper.
3. Divide students into small groups of 3 to 5 students and ask them to discuss the reasons they have written.
4. Use the last fifteen minutes to encourage students to share their reasons with the entire class.

Discussion:

1. What is a school?
2. What are the characteristics of an excellent school?
3. How does school prepare you for later life?
4. What would you do if you were not attending school?
5. Are the reasons that you attend school the same as the reason that school exists?
6. How can school help improve your quality of life in the future?

WHY SCHOOL?

Integrative Closing Statement:

When students make the connection between the skills and knowledge they acquire in school and how these will enhance their quality of life later, they will be more motivated to attend school.

Additional Resources:

Why School article #1

Why School article #2
