



GRADE SEVEN & EIGHT

Peace & Justice - Workshop Series Outline

LESSON ONE: DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

Conflict Resolution Themes and Strategies: Learners will identify and practice overcoming communication barriers through a simulation game. Together, the class will explore how communication impacts interpersonal relationships, miscommunication and misunderstanding, negotiation, stereotypes within society, and equity.

Curriculum Expectations Covered:

- Language - Oral Communication
- Health & Physical Education - Healthy Living
 - Grade 6: C2.3 Safe and positive social interaction, conflict management [PS, IS]
 - Grade 7: C2.2 Impact – bullying/ harassment [IS, CT]
 - Grade 8: C3.2 Impact of violent behaviours; supports [CT]

OBJECTIVE

Learners will develop conflict resolution strategies with hands-on activities, reflection, discussion, and mentorship.

TIME | 80 minutes

MATERIALS

- Space: all activities can be done in your own classroom!
- Whiteboard and markers

LESSON TWO: WHAT'S MY PERSPECTIVE?

Conflict Resolution Themes and Strategies: Learners will explore their own biases and build understanding within their classroom through constructive dialogue. Together we will reflect on how our perspectives inform the way we interact with others in the classroom and in our community.

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YOUR WORKSHOP SERIES INCLUDES:

- 5 cross-curricular workshops
- 2 TREE classroom facilitators
- Weekly evaluation tools
- Weekly additional classroom resources:
 - Activity suggestions
 - Reflection prompts
 - Media & discussion guide
- Resources for families

LESSON THREE: TOOLS FOR TOUGH CONVERSATIONS

Conflict Resolution Themes and Strategies: Learners will explore strategies to have difficult conversations with their friends, family and classmates. Together, learners will practice responding to someone who says something harmful through role play.

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LESSON FOUR: INCLUSION & UNITY

Conflict Resolution Themes and Strategies: Learners will explore the barriers to inclusion that may impact our classroom and community. Together, we will discover practical steps we can take to become more inclusive of others and accept others for who they are.

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LESSON FIVE: PEACE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Conflict Resolution Themes and Strategies: Learners will apply peacemaking strategies in a cumulative community-building simulation activity.

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Works Referenced

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