

Lesson 1

Classroom Atmosphere and Moral Questioning

Activity 4

Exercise: Being a Citizen

What would it mean to be a democratic citizen when it comes to this class? Can you take each of the views above and apply it to how we might want to run our classroom so that it inspires us all to be good democratic citizens? What would we need to do to fulfill each of these?

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Here are some ideas that others have offered:

- Kids and teachers together agree to rights and responsibilities in the class
- The teacher, too, has rights and responsibilities
- The class builds in a “self-check” (an honest evaluation) to see if their system is working
- Participants learn to effectively communicate and resolve conflicts as they go along