

Horseshoe Debate Instructions

- 1) Divide classroom in half with an imaginary line.
- 2) Pose a specific question to the class and allow students to choose an opinion (ie. yes on one side/ no on other side)
- 3) Students physically move to their chosen side in the classroom. (yes/ no/ undecided in the middle)
- 4) Students share opinions as to why a side was chosen (A/B partners).
- 5) Ask for student volunteers in a class discussion why specific sides were chosen. If a student feels their opinion is changing, they may move to a different location in the horseshoe.
- 6) Complete a learning activity/lesson plan that transforms the students' thinking.
- 7) After the learning activity is completed, conduct the Horseshoe debate a second time and allow students to change position if they wish.
- 8) Follow the same procedure in steps 1-5.