

Philosophical Chairs: Participant Reflective Checklist

Prior to the activity, review the statements below. Upon completion, check the boxes that best represent your Philosophical Chairs experience and summarize your reflection on the space provided. Add additional paper for your summary, if needed.

<i>"Did you..."</i>	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	No
Maintain your understanding of the prompt or central statement throughout the activity?				
Actively listen to the person who was speaking?				
Seek to understand the opposing speaker's point of view even if you did not agree with them?				
Contribute your own thoughts, offering your reasons as succinctly as possible?				
Take any notes to help track the arguments that were presented from both sides?				
Change your mind about the prompt as new information or reasoning was presented?				
Refrain from having side conversations during the debate portion of the activity?				
Change your position if your thinking grew and changed as a result of convincing arguments from the opposing side?				
<i>"If you spoke, did you..."</i>				
Wait until the teacher/facilitator recognized you before you spoke?				
First summarize briefly the previous speaker's argument before you replied?				
Address the ideas your opponents made, and not the people stating them?				

Summarize your reflection, referring to the items above, the areas in which you did well, and the areas in which you can improve next time:
