ESU TEACHING RESOURCE

STICKY PREP

OVERVIEW

This activity introduces students to the basics of preparing for a debate. Grouping ideas by theme helps students to see that often, you can take many ideas and use them to support one argument.

Sticky prep can also be a good way to lead in to a group or class debate – students can rely on the ideas on the board to support their contributions.

OBJECTIVES

- To practise generating ideas for a debate and grouping them by theme.

RESOURCES

Post-It Notes
Some topics, e.g.
This House would give parents access to their children's social media accounts
This House would pay children to read books
This House would ban the photoshopping of models and celebrities in magazines
This House would ban music that glorifies violence

TASK

After announcing a topic, give each participant a sticky note and ask them to write an idea on it that is relevant to the topic (it could be a point, an example, or a fact). Write the topic on the board and ask each participant in turn to read their idea and stick it on the board. When an idea has already been given stick the note on top of the first one. If the two ideas are similar, stick the notes close together. Similar ideas, supporting examples, and points of analysis end up grouped.

Tip: Use simple motions that the students can relate to (see examples above). If a student cannot think of any reasons, ask the next student, and come back to them with a different motion.