



Best Practices for Disrupting Traditional Classroom Discussion:

## Town Hall

### Best Used With

Familiar texts with strong content

### Rationale

Encourage speaking with intent, public speaking, role-play, and building arguments

### Activity Type

Role Play - Whole Class

### GROUND RULES and DIRECTIONS

- 1 Review texts with different viewpoints on a single topic. Each group should be assigned a different text / viewpoint
- 2 Create strong arguments from the perspective of your character, country or group.
- 3 Write a short speech supporting your assigned role's point of view.

As a Class:

- + Choose Panel Members from each group to represent the different sides
- + Choose a Moderator to direct and facilitate discussion
- + Begin Town Hall by giving each Panel Member a designated amount of time to speak (30-60 seconds works best)
- + Moderator should allow for questions
- + Town Hall participants should be encouraged to take notes, ask questions and contribute points.

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