

Difficult Dialogue Resources



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Clear Intentions

In order to minimise the potential for pushing a particular viewpoint rather than exploring the issue, students need to reflect on their **intentions** for the discussion.

Remember the emotional element to the discussion? There will be self-esteem issues woven into the intentions of the students entering into these discussions. Having an **authentic voice** in the discussion means being able to acknowledge these intentions. Does the student seek to make friends, impress others with their knowledge, seek the teacher's approval by aligning to what they think is an approved standpoint, or to peddle an ideology or belief to which they adhere?



Activity

