PLANTClassroom Activity: Recognizing and Challenging Discrimination in Everyday Life

Introduction (10 minutes)

Read the introduction and answer the questions:

Recognizing and challenging discrimination is an essential life skill that enables individuals to promote equality, justice, and human rights. This worksheet is designed to educate 14-year-old students about the importance of recognizing and challenging discrimination in their daily lives.

1. What is discrimination, and why is it important to recognize and challenge it?

2. How can recognizing and challenging discrimination promote equality, justice, and human rights?

Understanding Discrimination (15 minutes)

Read the following text and answer the questions:

Discrimination refers to the unfair or prejudicial treatment of individuals or groups based on their race, gender, religion, disability, or other characteristics. There are several types of discrimination, including:

- Racism
- Sexism
- Homophobia
- Ableism

1. What are some examples of discriminatory behaviors?

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2. How can we recognize and challenge discriminatory behaviors?

Recognizing Discriminatory Behaviors (15 minutes)
Read the following text and answer the questions:
Recognizing discriminatory behaviors is crucial in challenging discrimination. Some examples of discriminatory behaviors include:
 Making racist or sexist comments Excluding someone from a group based on their religion or disability Denying someone a job or opportunity based on their gender or race
1. What are some ways to recognize discriminatory behaviors in our daily lives?
2. How can we challenge discriminatory behaviors in a respectful and effective manner?

Challenging Discrimination (20 minutes)

Read the following text and answer the questions:

Challenging discrimination involves speaking out against discriminatory behaviors and promoting inclusivity and respect. Some ways to challenge discrimination include:

- Using "I" statements to express feelings and concerns
- Offering alternative solutions or ways to promote inclusivity and respect
- Supporting individuals or groups who are experiencing discrimination

1. What are some ways to challenge discrimination in our daily lives?

2. How can we support individuals or groups who are experiencing discrimination?

Promo	oting Inclusivity and Respect (15 minutes)
	he following text and answer the questions:
Promo	oting inclusivity and respect is essential in creating a safe and inclusive environment. Some ways to te inclusivity and respect include:
• L	Jsing respectful language and behavior Listening to and appreciating different perspectives Freating others with kindness and respect, regardless of their background, culture, or identity
	What are some ways to promote inclusivity and respect in our daily lives?
2. ⊦	How can we create a safe and inclusive environment for everyone?
Activi	ties and Questions (20 minutes)
Comple	ete the following activities and questions:
	Case Study Analysis: Read the following case study and answer the questions:
A	A student is bullied because of their race. How would you respond in a similar situation?
V	What are some ways to challenge discriminatory behaviors in this scenario?
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How would you respond in a similar situation?

3. Reflective Journaling: Write a reflective journal entry about what you have learned about recognizing and challenging discrimination. How can you apply this knowledge in your everyday life?

Differentiated Activities for Mixed-Ability Groups (15 minutes)	
Complete the following activities:	
For students with learning difficulties:	
 Provide a graphic organizer to help them identify and record examples of discrimination. Offer one-on-one support to complete activities. 	
For advanced students:	
 Provide additional resources and challenges, such as researching and presenting on a specific type of discrimination. Encourage them to create their own activities and questions to share with the class. 	
1. How can we adapt the activities to meet the needs of students with different learning abilities?	
2. What are some ways to provide additional support or challenges for students who need it?	

Conclusion (10 minutes)

Read the conclusion and answer the questions:

Recognizing and challenging discrimination is a crucial skill that enables individuals to promote equality, justice, and human rights. By understanding the different types of discrimination, recognizing discriminatory behaviors, and challenging discrimination, we can create a safe and inclusive environment for everyone.

1. What are some key takeaways from this worksheet?

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2. How can we apply what we have learned to our everyday lives?

Assessment (15 minutes)

Complete the following assessment:

- 1. Complete the activities and questions in this worksheet.
- 2. Participate in class discussions and role-play scenarios.
- 3. Submit a reflective journal entry about what you have learned about recognizing and challenging discrimination.

Additional Resources (10 minutes)

Explore the following additional resources:

- Books and articles about recognizing and challenging discrimination
- Online resources and websites about promoting inclusivity and respect
- Organizations and initiatives that work to promote equality and justice
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