**Finding the Facts**

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Subject: Social Studies

Topic: Finding the Marginalized Group

Grades 6th

Lesson Length: 30 Minutes

Learner Objectives:

* Students will experience and debate how transgender students are treated in the Public School setting.
* Students will be made aware of the different types of discrimination occurring in our school system.
* Students will brainstorm ways to remedy this problem.
* Students will learn to respect differences in others.

Lesson Preview:

 \* Students will watch a short video clip about a transgender student who was banned from using the restroom in his school. After that, they will get a chance to experience working with someone who is “Marginalized”(Either for real, or someone else in the shoes). Students will briefly learn about other types of discrimination, and then brainstorm a list of ways to reduce this marginalized group.

Procedure:

* Students will watch a short video about transgender students in schools. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gvZ1urU-uw4>
* Students will then learn about the challenges transgender students face, and begin to brainstorm ways to reduce the marginalization.
* A visiting student will come from another class (The teacher would ask another teacher if one of their students were brave enough to come in and participate in this activity. The student would wear special glasses, a hat, or something out of the ordinary to be marginalized. The student would receive some type of reward for participating in this activity). The student will dress for the role, and spend an afternoon in the 6th grade classroom.
* Students will interact with the individual throughout the afternoon, as they desire, considering how he/she may feel.
* Students will write a list of strategies to treat marginalized people with more respect.

Assessment:

* Students will write down a list of facts and strategies to help reduce pressure on the transgender group.
* Students will vote whether or not they think the individual from the video clip should be allowed to use the school restrooms or not.

Resources:

Transgender student allegedly told not to use school washrooms (YouTube)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gvZ1urU-uw4>

Transgender Students in U.S. Schools (GLSEN)

http://glsen.org/learn/research/national/report-harsh-realities