



SEVEN PROJECT

STUDENT DISCUSSION GUIDE

Anti-Violence Discussion Guide

Use these tips and the questions that follow to facilitate a discussion on violence:

- Use the first 2-3 questions to warm students up and help them feel comfortable responding.
- Encourage students to open up and share personal experiences when appropriate.
- Keep the discussion focused on the topic at hand.
- Keep the discussion positive and encouraging; discourage negative comments toward any person.
- Don't be afraid of silence. Give students a few seconds to form a response. If no one responds, give your own response to the question then ask someone directly to give their opinion.

Discussion Questions

How would you define "violence"?

In 2004, more than 750,000 young people ages 10 to 24 were treated in emergency departments for injuries sustained due to violence (CDC 2006, www.cdc.gov) How many of you know someone who has been the victim of violence?

How many of you know someone who has acted violently toward another person?

What do you think causes some people to be violent? (Possible answers could include: anger issues, chemical imbalances, reputation, arrogance, etc.)

What would you do if you witnessed an act of violence toward someone you know?

Would you act differently if it were someone you didn't know? If so, how?

Do you think violent movies and video games contribute to the increase in violence among students? Why or why not?

Do you think violent movies and video games have any affect on you? If so, what effect do they have?