

Communication – The Essential Human Connection

ACTIVITIES

Cultural Change and Communication

A. Split your class into two “teams” Have one team play the role of Alcidamas, arguing for the value and difficulty of effective public speaking. Have the other team play the role of Plato, arguing that public speaking is a mere “knack” like cooking.

B. Split your students into groups of five. Assign each group a type of “new” communication - Twitter, Instagram, Facetime, VSCO, Slack, etc. – and the task of organizing a meeting date, place and time using only one of the designated channels.

Communication and Community

As a group, have your class propose and discuss “Community Rules for Communication”. Start with 10 minutes of brainstorming any and all considerations for the community rules . After 10 minutes, identify the five most important / relevant.