**PHILOSOPHICAL CHAIRS**

Philosophical Chairs is a type of debate that centers on listening to *understand* versus simply listening to *respond*.

**Directions:**

* A statement will be displayed on the board. **Everyone must fully understand the statement**. Questions for clarification should be directed toward the teacher.
* There are four primary rules to abide by while participating in this debate, and it is imperative that every student abide by them.
  1. You must summarize what the previous person said before you can voice your opinion.
  2. Three people must state their opinion before you can go again. A person from the other side must go before you.
  3. We address the ideas, not the person. Don’t make it personal.
  4. No side conversations - students must be listening!
* Once you are sure that you understand the statement and the rules, the teacher will direct you to the agree and disagree sides of the room.