

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.
 - a. You must summarize what the previous person said before you can voice your opinion.
 - b. Three people must state their opinion before you can go again. A person from the other side must go before you.
 - c. We address the ideas, not the person. Don't make it personal.
 - d. 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.