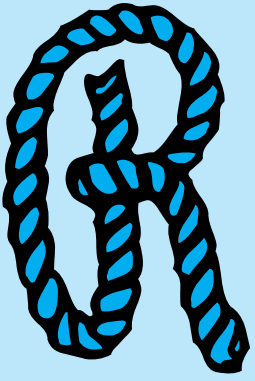


Know the ROPES

for Classroom Discussions



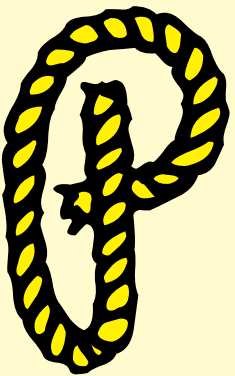
Respect

- Only one person speaks at a time. Listen without interrupting.
- Treat each other with respect even if you disagree. *No putdowns.*



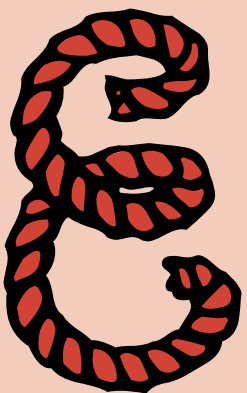
“Oops” and “Ouch”

- Speak honestly, but kindly. If you say something that is hurtful to the group, say “oops” and apologize, clarifying what you meant.
- If someone says something to offend you, say “ouch.” Let the speaker finish and then explain why you were hurt or angered.



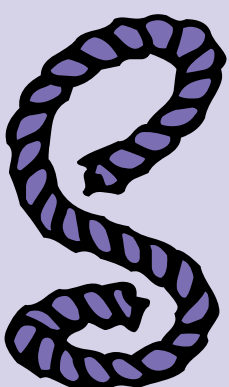
Participation and Patience

- Don't dominate the conversation. Make sure everyone has a chance to participate.
- Stay on the topic at hand.



Empathy (or “Escuchar”: “to listen” in Spanish)

- Everyone has come to the discussion to learn, grow, and share.
- Listen without judgment. Focus on what the speaker is saying and not on what your response might be.



Sensitivity and Safety

- Use “I” statements. Speak only for yourself. Remember others are speaking only for themselves.
- Confidentiality is important; what is said in the room, stays in the room.