

Classroom Norms Activity

Purpose: At the start of the course, we will work together to create classroom norms. These are the shared expectations that will help make our classroom a respectful, safe, and productive place for everyone.

Step 0: Expectations ~5 minutes

Before we create our shared classroom norms, take a moment to think about you.

- 💡 What are you hoping to learn or achieve in this course?
- 💡 What kind of support or opportunities do you expect from your teacher?
- 💡 What do you expect from yourself as a student in this class?



Also, feel free to write down any questions you have about the course.



Step 1: Silent Brainstorm (Individual) ~3 minutes

Think about a classroom where you feel safe, respected, and able to learn. - What behaviors make that possible? What behaviors should we avoid?

Write down 2–3 ideas (one per sticky note or below).

Idea 1:	
Idea 2:	
Idea 3:	

Step 2: Small Group Discussion ~5 minutes

Share your ideas with your group. Cluster similar ideas together. As a group, agree on your **Top 3–5 norms** to share with the class.

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Step 3: Whole-Class Consolidation ~5 minutes

Each group will share their norms with the class. Together, we will combine and refine them into our final list.

Step 4: Agreement & Ownership

Once our final classroom norms are decided, we will write them on a poster and everyone will sign it to show our commitment to upholding these shared expectations.