



Benefits of Attending “The Art of Discussion” for Teachers and Administrators

Attending “**The Art of Discussion**” offers a unique opportunity for teachers and administrators to enhance their skills in fostering respectful, meaningful, and inclusive conversations about civics and politics in the classroom. Attendees will participate in a Mismatch discussion and gain practical tools and strategies to create an open learning environment where students can explore diverse perspectives.

Key Benefits:

- 1. Develop a Supportive Classroom Climate:**
 - Learn techniques to establish norms that encourage respectful dialogue.
 - Gain strategies for managing sensitive topics while ensuring students feel heard and valued.
- 2. Enhance Facilitation Skills:**
 - Practice guiding discussions on complex civic and political issues.
 - Discover how to ask open-ended questions that promote critical thinking and balanced debates.
- 3. Encourage Diverse Viewpoints:**
 - Explore methods for creating safe spaces where students from all backgrounds feel empowered to share their perspectives.
 - Learn how to address bias and promote empathy through active listening.
- 4. Improve Student Engagement:**
 - Use discussion-based learning to build civic awareness and democratic participation.
 - Inspire students to become informed, thoughtful citizens capable of civil discourse.
- 5. Network with Fellow Educators:**
 - Collaborate with teachers and administrators who share a passion for civic education.
 - Exchange ideas and best practices for leading impactful discussions.

Why Attend?

Civic education is more critical than ever. By attending “The Art of Discussion,” educators will be better equipped to handle challenging conversations, promote understanding, and prepare students for active participation in a