



Notice: Why are we nice?

Objectives:

1. Students will think critically about why they make choices to notice
2. Students will write their responses to difficult situations when noticing

Common Core Standards:

- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.1.1 - Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or name the book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion, and provide some sense of closure.

Materials:

1. Journals

Motivation:

We've talked about the difference noticing our own actions, and noticing the actions of others can make in positive change. We can support each other in those good choices, and even show support by following their example. But sometimes it might not happen that way. How should we respond when people don't notice our good actions, or we feel like the only one that is doing something different?

Development:

- Take time at the beginning of the lesson to review the N of N.I.C.E. Remind students that the N stands for "Notice." Recall the eye-spy game and remind students that when we notice, we are looking for the ways we can make our class a nicer place. Explain that there are times when we will notice others who are not being nice.
- Have a discussion with the students about the following questions:
 - "What does it feel like when you are treating someone nicely and others are not?"
 - "What should we do in that situation?" "What should you say or do?"
 - "Should we stop being nice to people when our friends or classmates aren't being nice?"
 - "Why do we are nice to people in the first place? (To get noticed? To avoid trouble? Because it's what's right? Makes us feel good/proud?...)"
- Have students complete the worksheet: "Why are you nice?" Students can also draw a picture of one of they ways that they can be nice.

Closure:

Have students share what they wrote with the class. Hang the posters on the wall to remind students of what they can do to be nice.

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Why are you nice?

Should you be nice to others even when others are not? Yes No

Why? _____

3 ways I can be nice.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Name: _____

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