Chalk It Up

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First Year Common Reading Workshop

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UC Libraries and the Common Reading

UC Libraries introduced the common reading. Justice: What’s the Right Thing to Do, at New Student Orientation through an interactive group activity. In this session a librarian presents a current controversial scenario and provides a prompt for the students to respond to: what do you know about the topic (knowledge), what information is needed to understand some aspects of the topic (information). Students capture their ideas on 4 x 16 feet chalkboard panels using drawings and text. The scenario is presented to six different groups within an hour, and each group builds upon the visual or textual work of the previous groups. These controversial scenarios stimulate dialogue and generate thoughtful comments, setting the stage for further engagement with the common reading.
GBLTQ Banned from St. Patrick’s Day Parades

“Cincinnati wasn't the only place where any gay-related groups were kept from marching in St. Pat's parades. Gay groups also were denied access in Chicago, South Boston and New York City. The New York groups marched in another major parade in Queens known as the St. Pats For All parade. In Kansas City, gay groups were permitted, but atheist groups were turned away.”*

Knowledge Avenue

What do you know about the differing viewpoints?

- You can't infringe on people's rights
- Freedom of assembly + religion (1st amendment)
- People can have their own opinions

What each group stands for

- Why they were denied by certain parades
- Views on sexuality
- Views on religion
- Motives for being in the parade
- Type of visuals people use in the parade

Is it legal to ban people from a parade?

Who is sponsoring the parade? Legislation

Who would be offended?

& are there any laws in that even that go with the bans

Group 4

Group 2

I love CATS!
Knowledge Avenue

What do you know about the differing viewpoints?
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Separation of church and state
Use of public space
ST. Patrick's Day, Catholic Holiday
Equal Rights
Equal Rights
Democratic
BLib Party
Libertarians

For
Chill
Equal

Against
Not chill
Religion
Catholic Church
Ignorance
Bigotry
Can't reproduce
Privacy

Everyone is equal?
Freedom of speech
What do you know about the differing viewpoints?
Information Street

What information do you need to understand the differing viewpoints?
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- What actions are being taken against these groups?
- Who denied the gay groups? Why?
- What justification did they have to deny the 1st Amendment?
- When did this occur?
- What gay-related groups were involved?
- Who supported them?
- Who was against them?
Information Street

What information do you need to understand the differing viewpoints?
Meet the “Liberator”: The world’s first fully 3D printable gun

“Last autumn Cody Wilson, a law student at the University of Texas, leased a Stratasys 3D printer. He wanted to print a gun, and more—he and the group he founded, Defense Distributed, wanted to develop blueprints for 3D printing of guns and gun parts, and distribute those blueprints online.”

Knowledge Avenue

What do you already know about 3D printing and printing guns?

(+) God Bless Texas
(+) We have guns!
(+)(+) Texas is an open carry state
(+) 2nd Amendment allows us to own this
(+)(+) No way to stop it. Or regulate it.
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Knowledge Avenue

What do you already know about 3D printing and printing guns?

- Bullets hurt people
- Right to bear arms
- Breaks easy
- Limited # of bullets
- Must buy bullets
- Gets powerful
- Control laws
- Too many unregistered guns floating around
- Cause more shootings
- Because very easily accessible
Knowledge Avenue

What do you already know about 3D printing and printing guns?

- 3D printers are not common.
- As long as you have a 3D printer you can print a gun that actually works.
- Materials not common.
- Expensive.
- Could get in the wrong hands.
- Criminals could lead to weapons produced.
- They can advance too fast.
- Build in stages.
- Lasts ~3 shots.
- Download from internet.
- Does not last long.
Information Street

What specific information do you need to better understand the controversy surrounding 3D printing and guns?
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How many pieces are there?
- How powerful is the gun?
- How big is the gun?
- Is it legal/illegal?
- Is it lethal?
- What kind of bullets?
- Is it expensive?
- How many trees does it kill?
- How much does it cost?
- How many times can you shoot it?
- How long does it take to print all the components?
- What kind of plastic is needed to make it?
- Is there an age limit?
- Is it deadly?
- How many bullets does it shoot?
- Are there special bullets for it?