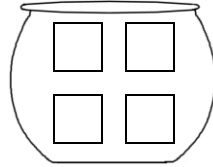


## Fishbowl Discussions



**Set up:** Assemble four chairs “inside” the fishbowl, then surround with remaining chairs.

**Discussion:** One spokesperson from each group will sit across from the other in two of the inside chairs. Remaining students should fill in seats around the outside of the fishbowl. The facilitator will pose the discussion question, and spokespersons will respond to the question by stating their positions and supporting it with their documents. As the conversation proceeds, any student from the outside circle may take the empty seats next to their classmates to present additional evidence from the documents in support of or in opposition to the respective arguments. (After students present their position to the group, they should return to the outside circle to allow other students to participate.) Continue the discussion with subsequent speakers supporting or opposing arguments with documentary evidence until all evidence has been presented and all students have had opportunities to participate. Debrief the discussion with students.