*Social Justice Block A*

**Community Agreement**

1. **One Diva, One Mic**
* 1 person speaks at a time
* “step up and step back” – listen to others and let others speak before contributing again
1. **“What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas”:**
	* Respect confidentiality of the classroom
	* personal comments, opinions, and stories are trusted not to be shared outside the class
2. **“Don’t Yuck my Yum”: keep an open mind**
	* Respect that others have different opinions
	* keep a positive attitude– allow for others to be passionate even when you are not
	* be open-minded: allow yourself to change your opinion
3. **Respect the space and be present**
	* be actively listening – be aware of body language
	* Keep electronics on silent (“Tool or Toy”)
4. **No Judgement: be respectful of others**
	* recognize and be mindful of the diverse experience in the classroom
	* freedom to express your ideas, thoughts, questions without judgment
	* Use respectful tone and language when expressing opinions
	* hear and consider other opinions, do not “shut people down”
5. **Take Responsibility: words, actions, intent**
	* Argue the Point, not the person
	* allow for time for people to feel and process emotions
	* make amends when necessary
6. **Refer Back**
	* refer to the article/ facts to support opinions
	* follow the thread of discussion – refer back to student comments
7. **Assume Best Intent**
	* be open-minded to others, and assume they mean well