*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