

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to effectively write for change by questioning social norms.

## Materials and Prep

- Pen/pencil
- Blank paper or notebook
- Access to a computer or library for research (optional)

No prior knowledge or preparation is required for this lesson.

## Activities

1. **Brainstorming:** Have the student brainstorm a list of social norms they would like to question or challenge. Encourage them to think about issues or topics they feel passionate about.
2. **Research:** If the student has access to a computer or library, they can conduct research on the social norms they have chosen to question. They can gather information, statistics, and examples to support their arguments.
3. **Writing Prompts:** Provide the student with a series of writing prompts related to questioning social norms. They can choose one or more prompts to respond to in a short essay or creative writing piece. Encourage them to express their thoughts, opinions, and ideas in a clear and persuasive manner.
4. **Peer Review:** Have the student exchange their writing with a peer or family member for feedback. Encourage constructive criticism and suggestions for improvement.
5. **Revision and Final Draft:** After receiving feedback, the student should revise their writing, making necessary edits and improvements. They can then write a final draft of their piece.

## Talking Points

- Introduction to social norms and their impact on society:

"Social norms are the unwritten rules that govern our behavior and actions in society. They can influence how we think, act, and interact with others. Today, we will explore the power of questioning and challenging these norms to bring about positive change."

- Brainstorming social norms to question:

"Let's take a few minutes to brainstorm social norms that you would like to question or challenge. Think about issues or topics that you feel strongly about and write them down."

- Conducting research (optional):

"If you have access to a computer or library, you can conduct research on the social norms you have chosen. Look for information, statistics, and examples that support your arguments. This will help you strengthen your writing."

- Writing prompts:

"Here are some writing prompts related to questioning social norms. Choose one or more prompts to respond to in a short essay or creative writing piece. Remember to express your thoughts, opinions, and ideas clearly and persuasively."

- Peer review:

"Now, exchange your writing with a peer or family member. They will provide feedback and suggestions for improvement. Remember to be open to constructive criticism and use it to make your writing even better."

- Revision and final draft:

"After receiving feedback, revise your writing. Make necessary edits and improvements to strengthen your arguments. Once you are satisfied, write a final draft of your piece."