

Option 1

Leader:

Time:

Common Ground

Goal

Students will gather in small groups to discover what they have in common.

Instructions

- Quickly sort the students into smaller groups of three or four people that have something in common. Perhaps they are all wearing blue or they all have curly hair.
- Encourage students to introduce themselves. Challenge them to find at least three more things they have in common with their group. Encourage them to look beyond physical characteristics to hobbies, favorites, birth order, and so on.
- Direct each group to pick out a name for their new “tribe.”
- Gather back together. Let each group share with the class their tribe name and the things they have in common.

Discussion

- How do you feel when someone else likes the same things you do?
- What is one thing that is different between you and one other person?
- Of all the things you talked about today, what is your favorite thing about yourself?

Extend

Direct students to draw a logo or decorate a sign with their tribe’s name.

Option 2

Write your own.

Supplies

- For Extend: paper
- For Extend: drawing utensils

Adapt It

For a quicker option, divide the class into smaller groups by counting.



10-15 minutes