

Learning Activity #1

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How can listening to diverse viewpoints be beneficial to a student when formulating our own point of view on any given topic? Well to me, having an open mind when listening to another person's views on any given topic is very important because it can make us more aware that there are many different kinds of people within the world who won't always think the same way that we do. It can increase a person's willingness to try and see the world through another person's perspective. We must remember that nobody will think the exact way that we do ourselves, and being open to diverse viewpoints can prepare us all to live and also work in the diverse and integrated world that we do indeed live in. Being an open-minded person and open to hearing a peer's opinion or views on something helps us learn to indulge in intelligent conversation in my opinion, and teaches us where and how we will fit into the world. Trying to put myself in a metaphorical situation where I think of a conversation, I might have with someone who is not open to another person's ideas or thoughts, it makes me think it would not end up being much of a conversation at all and more of a one sided listening session of only a single thought or idea that I may not agree with; in turn there would not be much of a point of having the conversation at all. So, with that being said, I am thankful to live in such a diverse world where most people can share their ideas without a debate and just have a good understanding of how something could be it if were done in a different way or thought of in a new perspective.