A Creed - Make it a Living Document

- **A Creed:**
  - **Change behaviors by changing the talk.**
  - **Builds a common language communicating the purpose of the group**
  - **Focuses on goals and learning**
  - **Creates a new productive dialogue**
  - **Encourages learners to listen and respond differently resulting in a respectful, encouraging environment.**
  - **Helps learners develop a vision and a plan to reach that vision that can transform their efforts and successes.**
  - **Is a living document meant:**
    - **To be evaluated periodically for validity, consistency, and pertinence to current goals, values, and purpose.**
    - **To be reflected upon and applied daily.**

- **Creed and Mission Statement Definition Poster**

- **Reinforce the use of a creed with:**

  - **Walk the Talk Task Card - A powerful statement for making a daily commitment to do what is right - "to walk the talk"**
  - **Walk the Talk video 2:57 min.**
  - **Walk the Talk Quotes - Wide selection of quotes for use supporting commitment (no posters)**
  - **"Walking the Talk" Quote Minutes: Use any of the following quotes for 'First Five Minute' Work, class or pair share discussion/writing/application**
  - **Suggestion: Use short stories from the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" books and/or brief video clips from Pass It On Video Clips and apply the, "Walking the Talk" concept. i.e. Respect - 31 sec.**
  - **Incorporate the sign language as a nonverbal reminder, Talk, Walk**

- **Activity: Have learners research creeds for different groups:**
  - **Examples:**
    - **Military Creeds**
    - **THE FIREFIGHTER'S CREED**

  - **Analyze the ideas expressed in one or more creeds with one of the following:**
    - **Questioning Resources- - includes Questioning strategies for Socratic Questioning, the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy, the Six Questions, Quotes, Music, and other materials**
    - **Question Formulation Technique - use to form questions before analyzing the creeds. For example:**
      - **What elements do they have in common?**
      - **How are they specific to the group?**
    - **T Chart**
    - **Mind Maps - Multiple mind-maps for goal setting, general use, as well as other online tools to use for brainstorming, planning, and evaluating.**
    - **2 Concept Venn Diagram**
    - **Resource for a Variety of Printable Graphic Organizers - English and Spanish versions**
    - **Graphic Organizer: 2 Circle Venn Diagram - more online interactive graphic organizers through:**
      - **Britannica Digital Learning - Fantastic resource for interactive graphic organizers and other classroom materials that may be downloaded and used on digital devices**
      - **Create your own free digital charts/diagrams with: Get Started with an Educational Account – Lucidchart**

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