

Road to Racial Justice

A Free Educational “Board” Game

Addresses racism through critical thinking, social analysis, and team-based discussion.



Curriculum included (Worksheets, Glossary, Power Point)
For classrooms, staff trainings, community groups, family game nights

Sample Situation Cards

Choice

🔵 **SITUATION** (read out loud): The mascot for your school's football team is a person dressed up as a warlike Native American.

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🟡 **OPTIONS** (read out loud): We'll each choose our favorite option and explain why in one sentence.

1. Tell the coach, "There would be an uproar if the mascot were Jewish or African American, and there shouldn't be Native American mascots, either."
2. With friends, conduct a survey to get suggestions of non-offensive mascots to replace the current one. Present the results to the school board, and post them online.
3. Find out if there's a local Native tribe that works to stop the stereotyping of Native people, and ask if you can join forces with them.
4. If you can think up another action right now, share it.

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🟢 **DISCUSSION** (then, roll one of the dice; advance)

"Racism Handout"

🔵 **SITUATION** (read out loud): When hiring new employees, the manager of a local fast-food restaurant doesn't ask people with Black-sounding names on their applications to come in for an interview.

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🟡 **OPTIONS** (read out loud): From the "Racism Handout," choose 1-3 symptoms of Superior-I-tis (that is, racism) that relate to the issue described, and explain why. Your teammates can assist you.

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🟢 **DISCUSSION** (then, roll one of the dice; advance)

Note to Facilitator: The handout referred to above defines components of racism, such as discrimination, prejudice, "joking," stereotyping, cultural appropriation, tokenism, and biased presentations of history.



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Game Information

GAME PLAY: In order to advance on the game board, players must intervene in the specific racist situation on the “Situation” card that they have drawn.

PURPOSE: Players will become more aware that racism exists in many everyday situations (both interpersonal and institutional), learn why the situations are racist (stereotyping, tokenism, cultural appropriation, etc.), and acquire tools to interrupt these situations.

FREE GAME DOWNLOADS: Four 8.5” x 11” sheets of paper taped together comprise the free game “board.” The assembled board will be 17” x 22”. You will need to provide dice and sticky notes (such as Post-its) to use as game markers.

What People Are Saying About the Game

“As an instructor of a diversity and social justice course, I have found your game to be very engaging and beneficial in helping students gain a deeper understanding of the many critical social issues that we face living in a global society.”

— Pamala V. Morris, Ph.D., Assistant Dean/Director, Multicultural Programs, Professor, Purdue University, Indiana

“... your game was a remarkable tool. ‘Road to Racial Justice’ combines the structure of a board game with a pedagogy of racial identity development. Players discuss recognizable racist situations supplied by the game and can’t help but to tell stories of their own besides. What better way to suggest critical thinking and generate deeper awareness of U.S. culture’s white racial frame?”

— Kevin Cummins, High School Teacher, Albuquerque, New Mexico

“The Road to Racial Justice is a valuable activity to facilitate moving from studying and talking about anti-racism to ACTING as anti-racists. Everyone thought it was a good use of time.”

— Kirstin McEachern, SEED group facilitator (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity), Summit Country Day School (played with faculty and staff)

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