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Social Justice Key Terminology and Cultural Identifiers Topic Essay Pre-Write

# Part 1: Social Justice Key Terminology

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| Term | Definition | School or Classroom Setting Description |
| Social Justice |  |  |
| Culture |  |  |
| Identity |  |  |
| Bias (including implicit bias) |  |  |
| Diversity |  |  |
| Tolerance |  |  |
| Discrimination |  |  |

Reflection 1: In 50 to 100 words, reflect on how diversity presents both challenges and opportunities for teachers.

# Part 2 - Cultural Identifiers Topic Essay Pre-Write

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| In the space below please include your topic and 2-3 sentences. | | | |
| Task | Directions | | |
|  | Select the topic for your essay. The controversial topic you select is up to you, but it must relate to K-12 education and align with at least one cultural identifier.  Some example topics could include but are not limited to:   * Teacher shortage * Dress code * Technology in the classroom * Religion in schools * School choice * Curriculum, * Health education * Issues that LGBTQ+ Youth face   You will need to examine these major topics as you may discover sub-topics within the items that can be written about.  *Example: When looking at technology in the classroom you may wish to examine technology access in schools with a low socioeconomic status.  ★★★ If you select a controversial topic outside of these items, check with your instructor before you start on your essay, so you are sure that the topic fits the needs of the assignment. ★★★* | | |
| Response | Topic | | Issues that LGBTQ+ Youth Face |
| K-12 Education/  Controversial | | Teachers are divided on teaching LGBTQ+ topics |
|  | Select a cultural identifier or identifiers.   * Use this resource to help you understand what these are and how these can look: <https://www.nais.org/articles/pages/sample-cultural-identifiers.aspx> * Once you have reviewed this resource, in the space provided below, list the cultural identifier or identifiers you have selected and explain how these relate to your topic. | | |
| Response | Cultural Identifier(s) | | Discrimination |
| Explanation | | Many LGBTQ students are bullied, face unfair school discipline and other forms of discrimination. |
|  | Review the key historical events of your controversial topic.   * For this section, share four key historical events. * Items to look for here are events, court cases, and specific dates.   List the events below in 1-2 sentences. | | |
| Response | Event 1 |  | |
| Event 2 |  | |
| Event 3 |  | |
| Event 4 |  | |
|  | Think about how your controversial topic aligns to K-12 education and explain what is currently occurring in K-12 education relative to your controversial topic?  Explain below in 1-2 sentences. | | |
| Response | What is currently occurring in K-12 education? | |  |
|  | Consider the future effects on teachers and students.   * You want to know how this controversial topic will affect future teaching practice and future students. * Put yourself in the place of the future teacher and think about how this could specifically affect a future teacher. You also want to think about how this will affect future students as well.   Explain below in 1-2 sentences. | | |
| Response | Future Teaching Practice | |  |
| Future Student | |  |
|  | For this assignment, discuss existing policies and methods relating to solving the controversial topic.   * Identify an existing national policy/method that could support solving the issue. * Identify an existing local (school/district) policy/method that could support solving the issue.   Explain each policy/method in 1-2 sentences. | | |
| Response | National | |  |
|  | Local | |  |

# References