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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.
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| 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