

Activity 3 | Teacher Guide

Empathy – Walk a Mile in My Shoes

Learning Intentions

Students will:

- Learn about, and apply, the concept of empathy to a real-world scenario.
- Develop an appreciation for why empathy will improve the usefulness of their idea.
- Be in a better position to understand the needs of the broader community.

Activity Outputs/Outcomes

What does successful learning look like?

- The student will create an empathy map.
- The students is able to articulate an appreciation for how others may experience an issue, particularly an issue that doesn't personally affect them.

Handy Tips

- This can be a very challenging activity, so for many students completing this activity will require immense persistence.
- The concept of empathy can be challenging to grasp. Be patient and encourage resilience.

Resources

- Pencil
- Paper
- *Optional - Printer (templates can be drawn by hand)

Remote Learning

Teachers are reminded they will need to provide personalised instructions about where students are to post/upload/email/share their work, once completed.

21st Century Skills

The World Economic Forum's 21st Century Skills outlines key competencies and knowledge sets which enable young people to thrive in the modern world. This activity encourages learning across 7/16 of these skills.

They are:

- Critical thinking/problem solving
- Creativity
- Persistence/grit
- Adaptability
- Initiative
- Curiosity
- Social and cultural awareness

Australian Curriculum Links General Capabilities

Personal and Social Capability

- Self-management
- Self-awareness
- Social awareness

Critical and Creative Thinking

- Inquiring – identify, explore and organise ideas
- Generating ideas, possibilities and actions
- Reflecting on thinking and processes

Intercultural understanding

- Interacting and empathizing with others

Ethical Understanding

- Understanding ethical concepts and reasoning
- Exploring values, rights and responsibilities
- Reasoning in decision making and actions

The CIC Program

This activity forms part of the Crazy Ideas College 'Social Innovators' program. To learn more about this program or to get in touch, check out our website [here](#).