

# WHAT IS RESTORATIVE JUSTICE?

Communicating Restorative Justice in a Three-Minute Video

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## OBJECTIVE

They say that the best way to learn something is to teach others! This activity gives those learning about restorative justice an opportunity to more deeply integrate the philosophy and approach by creatively explaining it to others in a concise manner.

## MATERIALS

A camera, phone, or computer for participants to record a video.

## INSTRUCTIONS

Provide the following description and instructions (plus relevant specifics related to due date, etc.) to participants. Be sure to give them plenty of time (ideally at least a week) to complete this project so that they have time to brainstorm and experiment.

"What is restorative justice?" That is an important question that can be difficult to answer!

Being able to communicate restorative justice in a concise way is an important skill. This activity gives you a chance to practice that skill and engage your creativity.

Record a 3-minute video that answers the question "What is restorative justice?" Feel free to take a creative approach and integrate art, poetry, symbolism, metaphors, or anything that sparks your imagination that you think would help to create a broader understanding of the philosophy and practice of restorative justice. The sky is the limit!

We will be watching the videos together as a group and will use a circle process to debrief the experience of creating them and to give each other feedback.

## DEBRIEF

After watching the videos together as a group and celebrating everyone's work, use a circle process to debrief the experience and give each other feedback. Possible debrief circle questions include: What is something in another person's video that really struck you or felt particularly effective/well done? What surprised you about the similarities or differences in the approach and content of the videos? What have we learned about how to communicate restorative justice effectively? What was the process of creating your three-minute video like?

## LESSON

Being able to share the restorative justice philosophy with others is an important skill and there are many creative ways to do so. Describing restorative justice through your own personal lens and experience can often provide the clearest and most meaningful description for others who are new to the subject.