

# Sphere in the Classroom

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# Content Model



Viewpoint diverse



Nonpartisan



Interdisciplinary

# Content Lifecycle

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**Identified needs**

**Content creation**

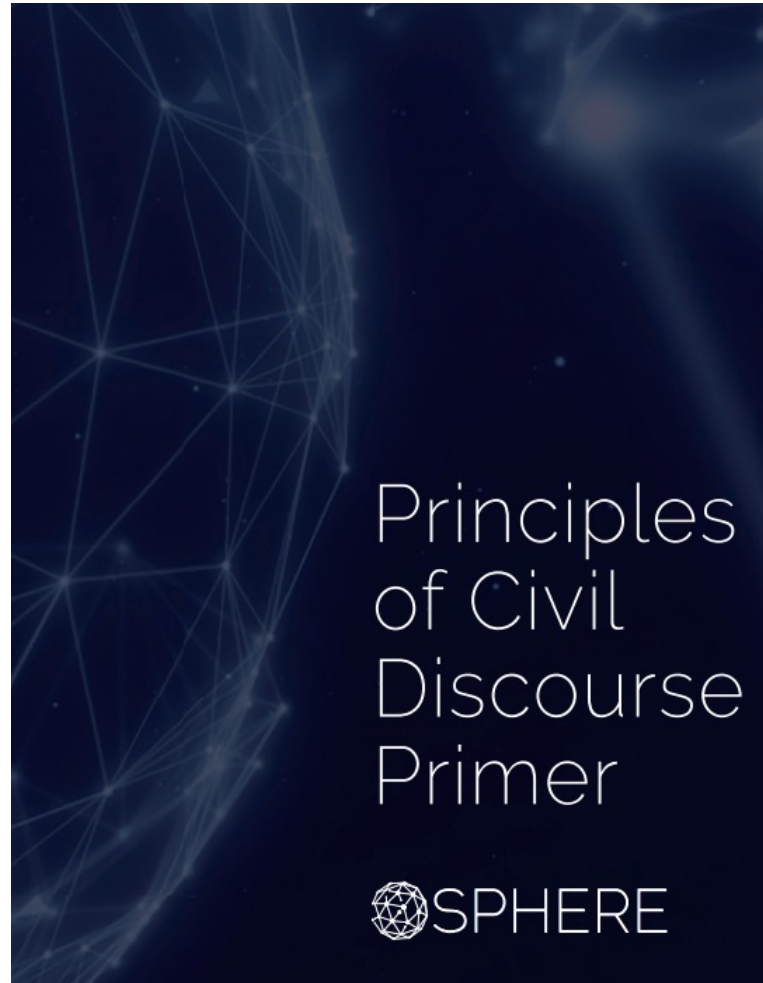
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## ● LESSON

# Cultivating Civic Discourse in Your Middle School Classroom

To help students state their ideas with strong reasoning while respecting others' viewpoints, self-regulate their own behavior, and develop metacognition of their own thought process.

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This lesson plan is intended to fit within any middle school learning unit in a variety of classes. This lesson should be included as a routine or method to be used repeatedly throughout the year, rather than as a stand-alone lesson to be taught once and forgotten. To help students improve their oracy skills they need frequent practice and scaffolding to be able to state their ideas with strong reasoning while respecting others' viewpoints, self-regulate their own behavior, and develop metacognition of their own thought process.

# What's next?



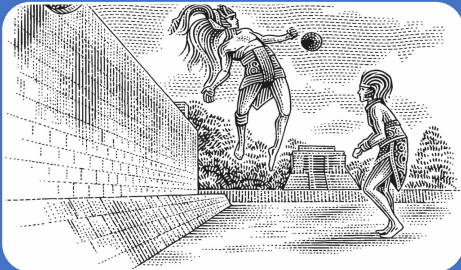
## Foundations of Civics and Economics

- Interdisciplinary economics lessons for both middle and high school
- Criminal proceedings unit intentionally designed to suit United States history, civics and government courses
- Interdisciplinary civil rights unit



## Principles of Civil Discourse

- Practicing civil discourse through literature at the middle school level
- Toolkits for implementing civil discourse in your school
- Primers for discipline specific needs such as science



## Human Progress

- New lessons for Centers of Progress and Heroes of Progress that will fit United States history and World History requirements



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