

Convention on the Rights of the Child



Goal: To talk about child rights, to educate students on the principles outlined in the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Time Limit: 25 Minutes

Activity: Ask students to brainstorm their rights as children. Explain that a right is a claim they have to certain functions, whether legal, or moral. Split the larger group into smaller groups of 3 or 4 students. Encourage students to make a list of what rights they think they possess or deserve. After 15 minutes, distribute the child-friendly version of the Convention on the Rights of the Child ([The CRC](#)). Let each group read the rights included in this document. End the activity with the following discussion topics:

Reflection Topics:

What surprised you about the CRC?

Did you think of a right that isn't included?

Why do you think the US has not ratified the CRC?

In what ways might the US already address these issues?

What would be the global reaction if the US ratified the CRC?

