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We Once Were Friends - Overview

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“We Once Were Friends”
Resolving Conflict through Dialogue

Overview

This is a simple conflict resolution scenario designed for junior high and high school students. The scenario puts the students in the position of former friends who are on the verge of a potentially violent confrontation. Designed with input from young students who have been subjected to many suspensions and other discipline, the scenario recreates some of the real tension and stress experienced by many youth. Students must figure out how to resolve the conflict in a way that comports with their sense of pride and feels realistic under the circumstances. The exercise includes worksheets for identifying the interests of both parties and for brainstorming possible ideas that could be part of a resolution. The in-class time for the exercise is approximately one hour. See Instructor Notes & Background for more details.

Skills Addressed: Negotiation, Conflict Resolution

Target Audience: Youth

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