

Connections Activity

Title/Skill:	Try to Catch This/ opinion forming, perspective on success failure
Connection Goal:	Personalization
Grade Level:	9-12
Month:	September
Time Needed:	5 minutes

Handouts/Materials Provided:

One object that is able to thrown and caught with bare hands.

Summary of Activity for the Advisor:

1. Select student volunteer. Stand a few feet away from volunteer and say, "I'm going to ask you to try to catch this."
 2. From a few feet away, easily throw the object to volunteer. Ask the other students, "Was he/she successful?" They should all say "yes" (or raise hands for yes). Repeat this process from slightly further away.
 3. On the third attempt, throw the object over your shoulder so that is impossible to catch. Again ask the other students, "Was he /she successful?" Ask students to defend their answers.
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Read/Review/Discuss/Do with students:

- Engage students in discussion of success vs. failure. (*Does impossibility of success necessarily result in failure?*)

Ask students to repeat your directions: "I'm going to ask you to **try** to catch this."

- Does this change their answers? Why not?
 - What is the purpose of this lesson? Discuss.
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