



Activity 2.1 Respect Grades 6-8

In this activity, the concept of Respect is explored. Students will make their own Talking Stick as a symbol of respect and as a tool to practice listening skills and respect.

You will need:

A computer or tablet to read about the [Traditional Talking Stick](#).

Empty paper towel rolls (1 per student) to build their own talking stick

Decoration for their talking stick (yarn, pony beads, stickers, old magazines, etc)

Glue

Crayons / Scissors

Activity: “Talking Stick” art & craft

1. Click on the link and read the story of the [Traditional Talking Stick](#)
2. Discussion: Ask your child: Why do you think the Native Americans developed this tradition? Do you think it would be helpful? Why or why not?
3. Tell your child that now they get to create their own talking stick.
4. Take the empty paper towel roll
5. Have your child decorate the paper towel roll with beads, string, and cut up magazines or markers



Use the talking stick when you are having family discussions. Take turns passing around the talking stick and showing respect by listening to the person that has the stick.

Additional Resources: With your family - Print the [Conversation Cards](#), cut into strips

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and place in a basket or bag. Take turns passing the talking stick. The person with the stick draws a conversation card, and everyone listens respectfully as they answer the question. Pass the stick and the cards to the next person.

Resources: *Traditional Talking Stick* (2020) First People. Retrieved from <https://www.firstpeople.us/>