

Stop Hate Speech Poster Activity

With your teacher and classmates, you have explored what Hate Speech is and its effects on humans worldwide. You watched an adult response to the problem on the UN's Genocide Prevention homepage, and you watched a young adult response to the problem on CommonSense.org.

The UN article stated, in part:

“Hate speech is in itself an attack on tolerance, inclusion, diversity and the very essence of our human rights and principles. More broadly, it undermines social cohesion, erodes shared values, and can lay the foundation for violence, setting back the cause of peace, stability, sustainable development and the fulfillment of human rights for all” (un.org).

In listing the 13 Commitments for action, number two states, “Tackling hate speech is the responsibility of all...starting with individual women and men” (un.org).

Task:

Together with a partner, create a visually appealing poster to begin to tackle hate speech in your school and community. The *purpose* of your poster is to stop hate speech in your school. Your *audience* is primarily your classmates here at school. You may use any form of mixed media that you find appealing and have resources for.

As you design your poster, keep in mind that graphics are more pleasing to look at than text. When choosing graphics, make sure you do not choose something that needs a lot of explanation with words. You want to create a poster that catches peoples' eyes and allows them to “get the message” quickly. Consider the variety of sample posters shared with you that others have created.

Since you are creating a visual argument, you want to consider how much background knowledge an audience of your peers will have. What do they need to know? How can you best demonstrate this within the confines of your medium?

Your poster will be evaluated on the following:

- The message (main idea) is clear and concise.
- The poster is visually appealing, not cluttered. Patterns and neatness enhance readability.
- The poster has font sizes/variations, which make it easy to read and understand.
- The graphics are engaging and add power to the chosen text.
- The content is clearly arranged so that the viewer can understand order without narration.
- There are NO spelling or grammar errors to detract from your message.

Due Date _____