**Lesson Plan for Civil Discourse**

**Grade**- 7th

**Context**- This lesson would be taught in our Cultural Literacy class. I am the social studies teacher on the team. One of my colleagues teaches reading, and the third member provides help in both areas. Although this lesson is extremely basic at this point of planning, it has the framework to build into a lesson which helps students begin practicing how to debate in a civil manner.

**Objectives**- Students will practice elements of civil discourse in a competitive environment.

**Procedures**

1. Introduce students to elements of a civil debate.
2. Model these elements with another teacher in front of students.
3. After each step of the process, stop to explain what was demonstrated and solicit student questions and feedback.
4. Select student volunteers to practice demonstrating these skills.
5. Provide time for students to brainstorm ideas about a current topic on which they disagree.
6. Once students have researched and written some of their arguments,

provide time for them to practice the elements of a civil debate.

7. Facilitate the process and make adjustments/corrections as

necessary.