What is justice?

Our justice system focuses on three questions:

- → What law was broken?
- → Who broke it?
- → What punishment is right?

But restorative justice turns these questions on their head. This system asks:

- → Who was hurt?
- → What are their needs?
- → Whose job is it to meet those needs?

Instead of focusing on punishment, restorative justice focuses on healing.

Review the discipline events we read about early in the unit. Think about how a **traditional justice** approach to these events might be different from a **restorative justice** approach.

Your teacher will assign you one of the events below. Circle the event you will work on.

	Traditional justice approach	Restorative justice approach
Cedric brought a gun to school.		
Josh bit a pop tart into the shape of a gun and pretended to threaten classmates with it.		
Dontadrian held up his fingers in a way that school staff believed was a gang sign.		

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About debate

List below three things you know or learned about debate from today's discussion:

Debate is	Debate is not
1	1
2	2
3	3