

Philosophical Chairs

Rules of Engagement

- **Read** the material for the debate and the opening statement carefully; be sure you understand it
- **Listen** to the person who is speaking
- **Understand** the person's point of view
- **Contribute** your own thoughts, offering your reasons as succinctly as possible
- **Respond** to statements only, not to the personality of the person giving it
- **Change** your mind about the statement as new information or reasoning is presented
- **Move** to the opposite side or to the undecided chairs as your thinking grows and changes
- **Support** the Mediator in maintaining order and helping the discussion to progress
- **Reflect** on the experience via the closing activity or assignment

* Must wait for 3 other people to speak before speaking.

* One "side" cannot speak twice in a row.

* Use academic language! { I agree/disagree with _____ because...
I would like to add...
That was a good point _____, but...

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Central Statement: Was the "Ferry Job" justified?

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* Use information from the discussion to fill out this chart.

<u>Yes, it was justified</u>	<u>No, it was not justified</u>

Reflection: _____

