



Dear Teacher,

Welcome!

We are thrilled you've decided to embark on this program with us. Being a **3Cs Classroom** means more than simply teaching these lessons to your students; it means joining a movement of bridge builders and peacemakers who are refusing to let divisive rhetoric and reductive, binary thinking get in the way of our shared humanity. These lessons are designed to engage your students in their innate curiosity, compassion, and courage and to help them begin to think about using those tools to strengthen their relationships and deepen their sense of belonging and understanding.

The **3Cs Classroom Program** is designed to empower high school teachers with a free curriculum toolkit with strategies to create a classroom filled with connection, deep listening, and authentic inquiry across lines of difference, including classroom culture guidelines and lesson plans that will build skills for you and students to lean on when managing divisive conversations.

Each of the 3Cs — curiosity, compassion, and courage — includes three lessons. Each lesson consists of three parts:

- 1. Classroom presentation*
- 2. Lesson plan*
- 3. Activity handouts*

Each lesson is intended to be 20 minutes — 60 minutes for each of the 3Cs. We have crafted this curriculum to be a flexible framework; please adapt for your teaching style and classroom needs.

There are also documents of **additional resources** — exercises and variations — that you can use after you complete these lessons to continue to reinforce and build these skills in your classroom.

If you have any questions about making your classroom a 3Cs Classroom, please email Starts With Us at **3CsClassroom@startswith.us**. For more resources or certified training opportunities, reach out to our content experts at the nonprofit Essential Partners: **<http://whatisessential.org/3cs>**.

Thank you for all you do.

Take good care,

