

Power and Politics Fragments

Nature and Distribution of Power

Warm-Up: Exercising Power

In small groups:

- Identify some of the people and organisations that exercise power over you (your teachers and school, for example). For each:
- Give an example of how their power is used (can people, for example, make you do things - and if so, how?).
- Identify the source of their power (are they, for example, physically stronger than you?).

As a class, bring your ideas together and decide:

- Who has power in our society.
- Can we construct “categories of power” (are there, for example, different types of power?).