

Games, Activities, and Simulations for Understanding Restorative Justice

Restorative justice is a victim-centered approach to justice that focuses on repairing harm and restoring relationships. It is based on the belief that crime is a violation of people and relationships, not just a violation of laws. Restorative justice seeks to bring those who have been harmed, those who have caused harm, and the community together to facilitate a process of healing and accountability.

Games, activities, and simulations can be powerful tools for teaching and learning about restorative justice. They can help participants to understand the principles of restorative justice, to experience the process firsthand, and to develop the skills necessary to practice restorative justice in their own lives.

This article provides an overview of a variety of games, activities, and simulations that can be used to teach and learn about restorative justice. These resources are appropriate for a variety of audiences, including students, educators, community members, and practitioners.



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Games can be a fun and engaging way to learn about restorative justice. The following games are designed to teach participants about the principles of restorative justice, the process of restorative justice, and the skills necessary to practice restorative justice.

- **The Restorative Justice Game** is a board game that simulates the restorative justice process. Players take on the roles of different stakeholders in a restorative justice case, such as the victim, the offender, the facilitator, and the community. The game teaches participants about the importance of communication, empathy, and accountability in the restorative justice process.
- **The Restorative Justice Role-Playing Game** is a role-playing game that allows participants to experience the restorative justice process firsthand. Players take on the roles of different stakeholders in a restorative justice case and act out the different steps of the process. The game teaches participants about the importance of listening, understanding, and forgiveness in the restorative justice process.
- **The Restorative Justice Simulation** is a computer simulation that allows participants to experience the restorative justice process from the perspective of a victim. Participants interact with a virtual offender

and facilitator, and they make choices that affect the outcome of the restorative justice process. The simulation teaches participants about the importance of empowerment, choice, and healing in the restorative justice process.

Activities can be another great way to learn about restorative justice. The following activities are designed to help participants to understand the principles of restorative justice, the process of restorative justice, and the skills necessary to practice restorative justice.

- **The Restorative Justice Circle** is a facilitated discussion that allows participants to share their thoughts and feelings about restorative justice. The circle is a safe and supportive space for participants to learn from each other and to develop their own understanding of restorative justice.
- **The Restorative Justice Workshop** is a workshop that provides participants with an in-depth understanding of restorative justice. The workshop covers the principles of restorative justice, the process of restorative justice, and the skills necessary to practice restorative justice.
- **The Restorative Justice Training** is a training that provides participants with the skills and knowledge necessary to facilitate restorative justice processes. The training covers the principles of restorative justice, the process of restorative justice, and the skills necessary to facilitate restorative justice processes.

Simulations can be a powerful way to learn about restorative justice. The following simulations are designed to give participants a realistic

experience of the restorative justice process.

- **The Restorative Justice Courtroom Simulation** is a simulation that allows participants to experience the restorative justice process from the perspective of a judge. Participants make decisions about how to handle a restorative justice case, and they see the impact of their decisions on the victim, the offender, and the community.
- **The Restorative Justice School Simulation** is a simulation that allows participants to experience the restorative justice process from the perspective of a school administrator. Participants make decisions about how to handle a restorative justice case involving a student, and they see the impact of their decisions on the student, the school, and the community.
- **The Restorative Justice Community Simulation** is a simulation that allows participants to experience the restorative justice process from the perspective of a community member. Participants make decisions about how to handle a restorative justice case involving a member of their community, and they see the impact of their decisions on the victim, the offender, and the community.

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The resources provided in this article can be used to teach and learn about restorative justice in a variety of settings. They are appropriate for a variety

of audiences, including students, educators, community members, and practitioners.

By using games, activities, and simulations, we can help to create a more just and restorative world.

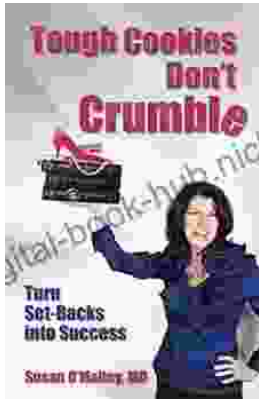


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