

Share Your Stance on Personal Genetics

Facilitator Guide

Important Ideas

Hello, facilitator! We're thrilled that you plan to host a Share Your Stance game session. Before the fun begins, here are a couple of things to keep in mind:

- Our goal is for anyone, regardless of their knowledge of or prior interest in genetics, to be able to participate in the game.
- The game is based on a [four-corners-based discussion model](#). By gamifying the experience, we hope to encourage more people to be actively engaged in the discussion.

We are providing a few guiding steps below to support your preparation for the session. Have fun!

Step 1) Identify Your Timeline

One timeline does not fit all. Although we suggest playing several rounds of the game in one session, you might instead choose to use a few cards as “bell-ringers” at the beginning or end of a class period, or even to place some cards on a conference table as conversation-starters. You also might decide to stretch your game throughout multiple class periods or events. Or, you might realize that some cards would help you lead an introduction to a new unit or program at a later date. You can follow the directions for gameplay as written by PGED or make your own; let your needs, resources, and creativity guide you!

Step 2) Find Your Approach

Although we have written a Player Guide with instructions for gameplay, the game’s “rules” are not rigid. This flexibility is intended to encourage you to test out different approaches to the game. For example, the game might work great one way for facilitators at a STEM festival, while a teacher might find it easier to use the cards in an entirely different way in the classroom. Figuring out what approach works best for you will depend on the number of people participating, the location, the time available, the needs and interests of your participants, and so on. We encourage you to do whatever works best for your unique situation.

Step 3) Seek Participant Feedback (Optional)

If you will be playing the game in an environment where it is appropriate to seek player feedback, you may ask participants to share their anonymous thoughts using our [Participant Feedback Form](#).

Thanks for playing Share Your Stance! For questions, email pged@pged.med.harvard.edu.