

## Thursday Morning - Dominant and Counter Narratives

What is your discipline/area of expertise?

List the Dominant Narratives in your discipline.

Identify Counter Narratives in your discipline.

Defining Social Justice	Themes	Infusion Guidelines	Classroom Interventions
<p>Social justice recognizes the inherent dignity of all people and values every life equally.</p> <p>It calls for both personal reflection and social change to ensure that each of us has the right and the opportunity to thrive in our communities, regardless of our identities.</p> <p>When we acknowledge that oppression exists and work together to end systemic discrimination and structural inequities, we increase the promise of a more just world.</p>	<p>6. Apply Interdisciplinarity</p> <p>7. Think Globally</p> <p>8. Avoid the White Savior Industrial Complex</p> <p>9. Integrate Current Social Justice Themes/Movements</p> <p>10. Teach to Transgress</p> <p>11. Counternarrative</p>	<p>Choose: Topics that have connectivity with real world issues</p> <p>Complicate: An analysis of power</p> <p>Challenge: Conventional thinking where power is hidden</p> <p>Encourage: Vision against apathy. "Hope is a discipline!"</p> <p>Acknowledge: One's own positionality</p> <p>Foster: A questioning of power</p> <p>Be: Aware of silences and the silencing of minoritized voices</p>	<p><i>As a group, develop a policy, activity, discussion technique, or some other intervention that would intentionally counter the dominant narratives in your discipline.</i></p>

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These definitions, themes, and infusion guidelines derive directly from the work of Dr. Lisa Brock. Please visit the [Arcus Center for Social Justice Leadership](#) at Kalamazoo College for more resources and materials. Additionally, Mariame Kaba popularized the social justice mantra of "hope is a discipline!" See especially her interview on the podcast *Beyond Prisons* ([January 5, 2018](#)).