



TEACHING METHODS

This I Believe

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR IN-PERSON TEACHING:

- PENS/PENCILS
- PAPER
- POWERPOINT/
SLIDESHOW WITH
INSTRUCTIONS

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR VIRTUAL TEACHING:

- ABILITY TO SHARE A
POWERPOINT/
SLIDESHOW
PRESENTATION
- PENS/PENCILS
- PAPER

EMPOWERING LEARNING:

- PRIMARILY ENGAGES
VERBAL AND
INTRAPERSONAL
LEARNERS; ADDING
IN A TIME OF
SHARING WOULD
ENGAGE
INTERPERSONAL
LEARNERS

DESCRIPTION

This I Believe is a teaching method utilizing short essays to express the core values that guide a student's life.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR IN-PERSON TEACHING

Utilize a slideshow to share each step of the process:

1. Share examples of personal philosophy statements from a variety of people
2. Ask the students to compose their own personal philosophy statement.
3. Freewrite about their statement: why does this matter? what does it say about you? what life experiences back up your statement?
4. Flesh the statement out into a short essay

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VIRTUAL TEACHING

Virtually teaching this method would mimic in person teaching, with the exception of needing to screenshare the slideshow.

IDEAS FOR USING THIS METHOD

- Introduce the method to confirmands as preparation for writing their faith statements
- Form a retreat for high school youth, college students, or young adults around the teaching method: how do beliefs change over time? How have the experiences in their lives impacted their beliefs?