

CHECKPOINT I

Gender and ethnicity/race

Think about the following questions as a group and write your thoughts to the space below

- Does your gender affect the way you see the world?
- Does your ethnicity/race have an impact on what kind of perspective(s) you hold?

CHECKPOINT II

Geographical location and historical era

Think about the following questions as a group and write your thoughts to the space below

- In what part(s) of the world have you lived in? Has this had an impact on what kind of perspective(s) you hold?
- Are you urban or rural? How might living in the countryside affect how you have learned and what you know?
- How is your knowledge and perspective(s) different from earlier generations?
- How can we know that current knowledge is an improvement on past knowledge?
- How might the awareness of different historical perspectives be beneficial to knowing something and knowledge in general?

CHECKPOINT III

Language and cultural tradition

Think about the following questions as a group and write your thoughts to the space below

- How might the particular languages you speak affect your knowledge?
- Do languages give a different perspective on the world? What kind of impact can this have on knowledge in general?
- What impact has the fact that English is the primary language of the internet had on knowledge sharing?
- How does your culture influence your habits and view(s) of the world?
- How does your culture and the cultural tradition you belong to shape your knowledge?

CHECKPOINT IV

Religious/spiritual position and outlook on life

Think about the following questions as a group and write your thoughts to the space below

- How am I influenced by the different communities of knowers I belong to?
- Presented with the belief system of a community of knowers, how can we decide what we personally believe?
- How do you think that following a particular religion and/or spiritual outlook, or not doing so, affects your knowledge?
- Do we need to have a certain religious or spiritual outlook in order to pursue knowledge?

CHECKPOINT V

Socioeconomic status and educational experiences

Think about the following questions as a group and write your thoughts to the space below

- Does the amount of money and wealth you have at the moment have an impact on the perspective(s) you hold?
- Can wealth be a factor on what and how we know?
- How education shapes the perspective(s) we hold?
- Can education be an obstacle in knowing something?