# **Empathy in Education Handout**

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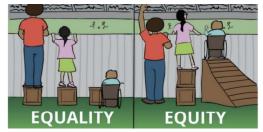
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Color presentation

**B&W** presentation for printing

Slide 1: <u>Hope</u>, by NF. Lyrics on pages 3-4 Slide 4: Brene Brown short: <u>Empathy</u>

Slide 5: <u>Equity</u>, equality, and fairness



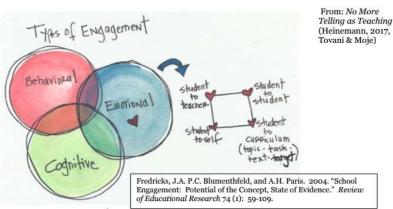
Slide 6: When things aren't going right, go left, by Peter H. Reynolds

Slide 7: The Broken Warrior poem, by Jennifer Brown (page 5)

Slide 8:Let's Reflect:Padlet

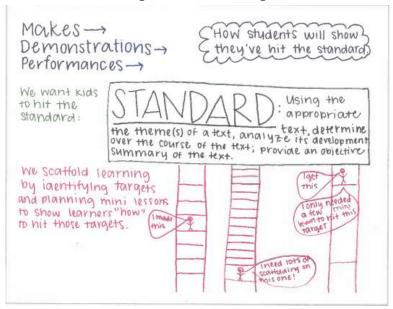


Slide 9:



Empathy in Education presentation, MAEA 2024, Brown and Bard, 2

Slide 11: Connecting Learners to Target Standards



Slide 12: Rumble Language for difficult conversations

"Pressure valve-ing"



#### Additional Resources:

Failure as Friend or Foe: COABE 2024 presentation (Slides 1, 8-10, 12-13)

**Student Worksheet** 

My Favorite Failure book Padlet from workshop

Have You Filled Your Bucket Today? By Carol McCloud

https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/

Lyrics to "Hope," by NF (video)

Hope

Yeah, I'm on my way, I'm coming

Don't

Don't lose faith in me

I know you've been waiting

I know you've been prayin' for my soul

Hope

Hope

30 years you've been draggin' your feet

Tellin' me I'm the reason we're stagnant

30 years you've been claiming you're honest

And promising progress, well, where's it at?

I don't want you to feel like a failure

I know this hurts

But I gave you your chance to deliver

Now it's my turn

Don't get me wrong

Nate, you've had a great run

But it's time to

Give the people something different

So without further ado, I'd

Like to introduce my

My album (my album), my album (my album),

my album

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**HOPE** 

What's my definition of success? (Of success)

Listening to what your heart says (your heart

says)

Standing up for what you know is (is)

Right, while everybody else is (is)

Tucking their tail between their legs (okay)

What's my definition of success? (Of success)

Creating something no one else can (else can)

Being brave enough to dream big (big)

Grinding when you're told to just quit (quit)

Giving more when you got nothin' left (left)

It's a person that'll take a chance on

Something they were told could never happen

It's a person that can see the bright side

Through the dark times when there ain't one

It's when someone who ain't never had nothin'

Ain't afraid to walk away from

More profit 'cause they'd rather do something

That they really love and take the pay cut

It's the person that would never waiver

Or change who they are

Just to try and gain some credibility

So they can feel accepted by a stranger

It's a person that can take the failures in their

life

And turn 'em into motivation

It's believing in yourself when no one else does

It's amazin'

What a little bit of faith can't do

If you don't even believe in you

Why would you think or expect

Anybody else that's around you to?

I done did things that I regret

I done said things I can't take back

Was a lost soul at a crossroad

Who had no hope, but I changed that

I spent years of my life holding on to things

I never should kept, full of hatred

Years of my life carrying a lot of baggage

That I should've walked away from

Years of my life wishin' I was someone different

Lookin' for some validation

Years of my life tryin' to fill a void

Pretendin' I was in-, they get it

Growing pain's a necessary evil

Difficult to go through, yes, but beneficial

Some would say having a mental breakdown is

a negative thing

Which on the one hand, I agree with

On the other hand, it was the push I needed

To get help and start the healing process, see

If I'd have never hit rock bottom

Would I be the person that I am today? I don't

believe so

I'm a prime example of what happens when you

Choose to not accept defeat and face your

demons

Took me 30 years to realize that

If you wanna get the opportunity

To be the greatest version of yourself

Sometimes you gotta be someone you're not

To hear the voice of reason

Having kids will make you really take a step

back

And look in the mirror

At least for me, that's what it did, I

Wake up every day and pick my son up

Hold him in my arms and let him know he's

loved (loved)

Standing by the window, questioning

If dad is ever going to show up (up)

Isn't something he's gon' have to worry 'bout

Don't get it twisted, that wasn't a shot

Mama, I forgive you, I just don't want him to grow up

Thinking that he'll never be enough

30 years of runnin', 30 years of searchin'

30 years of hurtin', 30 years of pain

30 years of fearful, 30 years of anger

30 years of empty, 30 years of shame

30 years of broken, 30 years of anguish

30 years of hopeless, 30 years of (hey)

30 years of never, 30 years of maybe

30 years of later, 30 years of fake

30 years of hollow, 30 years of sorrow

30 years of darkness, 30 years of (Nate)

30 years of baggage, 30 years of sadness

30 years of stagnant, 30 years of chains

30 years of anxious, 30 years of sufferin'

30 years of torment, 30 years of (wait)

30 years of bitter, 30 years of lonely

30 years of pushing everyone away ('way)

I know I can change

(We are not enough) we are not the same

(You don't have the heart) you don't have the

strength

(You don't have the will) you don't have the faith

(You'll never be loved, you'll never be safe)

(Might as well give up) not running away

(You don't have the guts) you're the one afraid

(I'm the one in charge) I'm taking the- (no)

I'm taking the

Reins

#### **The Broken Warrior**

The broken warrior stands amid the ruins;
Gazing heavily at her weapons scattered in the carnage.
There was Professionalism, stabbed in the back by a coward.

Respect fell to the warrior's right, Communication to her left.

The broken warrior fell to one knee, weaponless and shattered.

Her armor more a sieve than actual protection against the heavy winds;

Having shared pieces with the young fighters already carrying their own battle scars,

Not yet equipped with the stronger shield the broken warrior wielded.

She brushed dirt and gore from Passion's face as she recognized one weapon still standing.

Wavering, Hope gently grasped her hand and pointed to the secret each weapon carried.

Amidst the shattered remains of her army, through the fog of battle and hazy weather, One by one, the broken warrior saw what her enemy desperately wanted to obscure.

Though Professionalism's knife still jutted from a chink in the chain mail, there was breath.

Training's head was almost severed, but the broken warrior saw life clinging stubbornly. Compassion finished the sling for Honesty's bleeding arm.

Once each weapon slept, safe, and protected, the broken warrior turned to the retreating army.

Anger, Resentment, and the nefarious twins Doubt and Depression would return one day.

Her nemesis, Fear, spreads lies about "us and them."

Desperate to break her army any way Fear could

The one thing that beat the darkness of conformity and division is the courage to say

"I see you."

We persevere.

-Jen Brown, 2018