

CIVICS  
Mr. Hensley

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Critical Thinking Day 1: Thinking Fast and Slow  
CLASSWORK  
“How Hard Is It to Change Someone’s Mind?”

MATERIALS: We are listening to the first 20 minutes of the podcast “This American Life”, episode #603, “[Once More With Feeling](#)” (prolog and Act I). Reporter Eleanor is trying to persuade Zack that slapping women on the butt is wrong.

OBJECTIVE: Using the laptop computers and/or your own devices for research, discuss the questions below in small groups of 3-4 students and *as a group*, answer the questions below.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

Summarize Eleanor’s position on “catcalling”

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Convert Eleanor’s position on “butt-slapping” into a **syllogism**

Premise 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Premise 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Conclusion \_\_\_\_\_

Summarize Zack’s position on “catcalling” and butt-slapping

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Convert Zack's position on "butt-slapping" into a **syllogism**

Premise 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Premise 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Conclusion \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the evidence Eleanor uses to make her point

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Zack keeps coming back to the idea that Eleanor doesn't "speak for all women". Is this a strong argument? Why or why not?

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How long did it take Eleanor to convince Zack to stop slapping butts? What piece of evidence convinced Zack that Eleanor was right?

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