

MEDICINE

Lesson Plan: Society's Viewpoint

Objective: Students will be able to discuss the treatments for people with disabilities.
Students will be able to evaluate the changing attitudes toward people with disabilities.
Students will record changes in attitudes toward people with disabilities.

Materials: Then and Now Worksheet
Index Card
Website pages

Vocabulary:

almshouse	idiot	natural selection
Caucasians	imbeciles	racism
epileptics	infanticide	seizures
euthanasia	insane	selective breeding
evolution	lunatics	sterilization
genetic	Mongoloids	straitjackets
heredity	nativism	subsistence

New York State Learning Standards:

ELA Standard 1: Language for Information and Understanding
ELA Standard 2: Language for Literary Response and Expression
ELA Standard 4: Language for Social Interaction
SS Standard 1: History of the United States and New York State
SS Standard 5: Civics, Citizenship, and Government

Procedure:

1. The teacher should view the Introduction section of the Medicine wing of the website to gain background information.
2. Selections from the website may be viewed by students online or copies of those pages may be printed for student use.
3. Students will break into pairs. Each pair will view this section of the website together.
4. The teacher will hand out the Then and Now Worksheet and the students will complete together.
5. After completing the worksheet, students will share their findings with the class.
6. Together, as a class, a group generalization about the changes in the treatment of people with disabilities will be developed.

Closure/Ticket out the door: Did medicine and society's viewpoint toward people with disabilities change positively or negatively? How?

Name: _____



THEN AND NOW

Directions: After viewing the website, you will notice that both society and the medical community began to change their attitude toward people with disabilities. On the chart below, demonstrate how people with disabilities were treated in the past and how this has changed. In the last column, hypothesize why this change may have occurred.

THEN AND NOW

THEN	NOW	HYPOTHESIS