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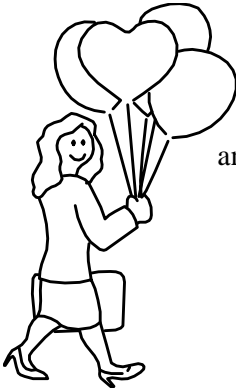
Invent a Nonconforming Thinker

Purpose To invent a “group think” situation with one nonconforming thinker.

Materials A “**Create a Nonconforming Thinker**” sheet (duplicated one per student or work group)

Procedure

1. Pass out the activity sheets and have students write in their name(s). Remind the class that this will be a creative endeavor. If you wish to define a domain (e.g., sports, or school, or vacation), do so.
2. Ask students to invent thoughts for people who “think alike” concerning a topic except for one individual who thinks differently. Students write their created thoughts into the “thought balloons” of any *five* of the six people shown on the sheet. These thoughts should all conform (be alike) in some way. Ask that students create a nonconforming thought for the sixth person. Encourage students to place the differing thought in a random fashion (so they do not constantly use position #6).
3. Exchange papers and ask other students (or student groups) to identify the nonconformist and explain how that person’s thoughts do not conform to the rest of the thinkers.



Extension Challenge students to create additional sets for posting on a board entitled “Find the Nonconforming Thinkers!” for others to examine and puzzle over.

Create a Nonconforming Thinker

Name _____

