

# Revisiting Our Advisory Contract

**Purpose:** Remind the group of its shared expectations, revise expectations as needed, and set the tone for difficult conversations. Draw connections between the factors that make a strong community and the norms that can help ensure that it remains strong.

**APPROXIMATE TIME:**  
30 minutes

**MATERIALS:** NONE

## ADVISOR NOTES:

### 1. Reaffirm Advisory Norms

This is the last time that you will be prompted to revisit your advisory contract. This activity provides the opportunity for your advisees to reflect on the ways they have grown as a community, where they have improved over the course of the year at upholding their contract, and where they feel they can still do better in the final section of the Facing History advisory program.

## PROCEDURE:

### 1. Reflect Individually in Journals about Your Advisory Contract

- Start by reading aloud your advisory contract, perhaps using the **Wraparound** strategy (visit [facinghistory.org/advisory-media](https://facinghistory.org/advisory-media) to learn about this teaching strategy).
- Then ask advisees to respond to the following questions in their journals, citing specific examples from past sessions to support their thinking. Tell advisees that they will be sharing their responses in small groups.
  - What are three examples of ways that our group has gotten better at upholding our advisory contract this year? What factors contributed to our growth?
  - What norm do you think we should work on as a group, and why? What are two concrete steps that we can take as a group to get better at upholding this norm?

### 2. Discuss and Set Goals

- Divide the advisees into small groups and have them discuss the two journal questions. Then ask them to share highlights from their discussion, making a list on the board of their main ideas.
- Focus on the second question and the list of concrete steps that advisees brainstormed. You might ask groups to rank them and decide which one or two

they are committed to focusing on moving forward. Write these on chart paper along with the concrete steps, have advisees sign the paper, and then hang it alongside the contract. Refer to and reflect on this commitment during some opening and closing routines in the upcoming weeks.

### 3. Commit to a Norm: Closing Activity

- Conclude the meeting by asking each advisee to complete the following sentence starter in their journals. They might choose a norm that the group highlighted as one they want to focus on, or they might choose a different norm that challenges them as individuals:

For the next month, I am going to work on \_\_\_\_\_ (choose a norm from the advisory contract). One way that I will work on it is by . . . You all can help me by . . .

- Then have each advisee share their completed sentence starter in a **Wraparound**.