

WHERE DO WE FEEL SAFE?

Both Ruth and Melodie explore communities that established safe spaces for themselves when the world beyond felt very unsafe. What contributes to a person's or a community's sense of safety? How do the places, people, activities, policies, and environments we each experience matter for our own sense of safety? Why do you think some people feel more safe in certain situations than others? How might one place or situation feel very safe for you but very unsafe for your neighbor? Why do you think feeling safe matters at all? Consider the places, people, and activities you engage with in your own community. Where, who, and what makes you feel most safe and most unsafe? How do you think this differs for different people, and why? What changes might be made to make everyone feel more safe everywhere, all the time?

shopping	movie theaters	community centers	eating out	trees
in a house	watching a movie	visiting friends	sporting events	doctors
visiting family	in an apartment	on the bus	hospitals	schools
riding bikes	going for a walk	police officers	cars	dogs
libraries	clothing stores	grocery stores	firefighters	birds
reading books	traffic lights	teachers	businesses	parks

Where do I feel safe in my community?

Why do you think this is how you feel?

Where do I feel unsafe in my community?

Who in my community makes me feel safe?

Do you think others feel the way you do? Why?

Who in my community makes me feel unsafe?

Do you think others feel differently than you do? Why?

What makes me feel safe in my community?

What makes me feel unsafe in my community?

How might all of these spaces, people, and activities feel more safe for everyone?