

## ***Gay or Straight - Same or Different?***

(Adapted from Venette Cook, City College of San Francisco)

### **Objectives**

- To explore personal feelings and beliefs about homosexuality via self-assessment
- to use the self-assessment as a foundation for healthy class discussion

**Audience:** High school students and adults

**Materials Needed:** Copies of the exercise, writing utensils

**Time Required:** 30 – 40 minutes, depending on length of discussion

**Teacher Instructions:** This values-clarification exercise should be completed in pairs or small groups. Allow students to separate themselves into groups of 2 or 3 and complete the following exercise. When they have completed the assignment, discuss the statements and students' responses as a full class. This exercise can be used for several purposes. One suggestion is to use it as an introduction to a discussion about hate crimes. Discussion of the exercise may provide a natural lead-in into a discussion of why members of the gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and trans-gendered community are targets of hate crime.