

Cooperative Students during Cooperative Learning

Tools & Strategies to organize, plan, & Implement Collaborative activities



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Session Goals



1. Implement strategies that strengthen and deepen cooperative learning.
2. Use cooperative learning strategies to strengthen classroom discourse.
3. Create a script that enables them to introduce or address issues they are having with cooperative learning.

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Think-Pair-Share



- Take 2 minutes to *think* about and answer the following questions on your notecard:
 - What does cooperative learning look/sound like?**
 - What does cooperative learning not look/sound like?**
- Take 2 minutes to *pair* up with the person next to you to discuss your answers. Use your museum/library voices so that other groups are not forced to talk over you.
- Be ready to *share* your answers.

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Match Up! The Good, The Bad & The Ugly



- Find your matching card
- Brief introductions
- Sign into the <https://todaysmeet.com/CooperativeLearning>
- Discuss:
 - ❖ What are some challenges you face or concerns you have about cooperative learning in your classroom?
 - ❖ What were some celebrations you've had (or are having) with cooperative learning in your classroom?
- Answer these questions on the Today's Meet



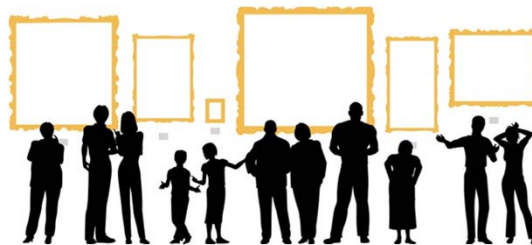
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SO WHAT IF.....



Gallery Walk

(Each group needs ONE marker)



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Preparing for Collaborative Activities



- **Expectations:** Be clear about your expectations, don't just expect students to know what you expect from them. Put directions in writing so students can refer back to them.
- **Buy In:** Ask for student input when discussing expectations. If students help to set the expectations, they are likely to follow them.
- **Community:** Provide opportunities for students to get to know each other in their groups. Help students create an environment of respect (saying please and thank you, valuing group members ideas, valuing group members "time to talk")

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Group Discussion Ideas/Suggestions



- Allow students to talk to each other is sometimes scary...here are ways to ease the fear:
 - Provide structure/accountability
 - Establish rules and regulations
 - Tickets
 - Roles
 - Cues
 - Question/comment starters
 - Provide students the opportunity to reflect after the discussion
 - What worked? What didn't?
 - What did/didn't you like?
 - Model! Model! Model!
 - Practice makes perfect!



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Teacher's Role



- Model
- Monitor/Listen
- Ask Questions
- Use active learning strategies to engage students
- Assess Student Understanding
- Encouraging Student Reflection

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Write a Script



It's your turn!



Write a script for...

- how you would roll out a cooperative group
- one of your challenges (i.e. a group does not get along or is off task)

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Group Discussion Activity Instructions



- Use discussion cards to promote and encourage active discussions in small groups.
- Each participant should choose TWO cards from the pile. DON'T SHARE WHAT IT SAYS!
- Individually read the [article](#)
 - *As you read keep your discussion card task in mind and*
 - *Once everyone finished the article, begin your discussion by completing each of the discussion cards.*

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“Team building creates enthusiasm, trust, and mutual support which, in the long run, leads to more efficient academic work.”

-Dr. Spencer Kagan

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Group Product Activity- Meme



- Create a meme
- Each member must take on one role in order to help your group complete the task -

-Group Leader

-Writer

-Illustrator

-Time Keeper



Use <http://www.memes.com/generator> to make a meme

Post your meme to this google slide:

<https://goo.gl/ePQCpV>

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Cooperative Learning Resources



- TeacherVision- Cooperative Learning Teaching Strategies
<http://www.teachervision.fen.com/cooperative-learning/resource/48649.html>
- Grouping Strategies
<http://ilove2teach.blogspot.com/2011/08/scoop-on-groups.html>
- Dare to Differentiate
<http://daretodifferentiate.wikispaces.com/file/view/Cooperative+Grouping+Strategies.pdf>
- Forming Groups
<http://daretodifferentiate.wikispaces.com/file/view/10+Strategies+for+Forming+Groups.pdf>

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Cooperative Learning Resources Continued...



- Scholastic article
<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/article/fifteen-ways-vary-instruction>
- Laura Candler's Cooperative Learning Resources
<http://www.lauracandler.com/strategies/co-op.php>
- Cooperative Learning Structures
http://w4.nkcsd.k12.mo.us/~kcofer/social_cooperative_structures.htm
- Education World-Cooperative Learning Saves the Day!
http://www.educationworld.com/a_curr/curr287a.shtml
- Instructional Strategies Online
<http://olc.spsd.sk.ca/DE/PD/instr/strats/coop/>

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