

CONVER- STATIONS

Discussion Strategies for Various
Learning Environments



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Let's discuss!

In-Person or with Safety Measures in Place

1. Students are placed into a groups of 4-6 students each and are given a discussion question to talk about.
2. After sufficient time has passed for the discussion to develop, one or two students from each group rotate to a different group, while the other group members remain where they are.
3. When new members join, they first discuss the question with new members.
4. Teacher may then move onto a new question for discussion.
5. Repeat as needed have different student move.

*Please note this can be done in a socially distanced/masked classroom. Make sure to explain expectations.

Online Learning

Utilizing Socratic Seminar in a Zoom classroom will take careful attention from the moderator. It is suggested to attempt this with a smaller group before diving into using with whole class.

1. Provide students the prompt or argument for the Socratic Seminar.
2. Students will have been given time to prepare arguments, research and rebuttals.
3. Remind students to keep their Zoom set to Mute.
4. Have students utilize the thumbs up expression to signal that they would like to respond. Then the teacher (as the moderator) can signal to the student by saying their name that they may reply.
5. Repeat until the discussion ends or time runs out.