

HOT SEAT

Discussion Strategies for Various
Learning Environments



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Let's discuss!

In-Person or with Safety Measures in Place

1. Designate a chair as the “hot seat.”
2. Choose one student to sit in the hot seat and answer questions based on a topic.
3. Questions could be predetermined by the teacher or students.
4. Set a timer for an appropriate amount of time for the person in the hot seat to answer questions.
5. Once they are seated, the timer begins, and people may ask the seated person questions.
6. This continues with various students taking a turn in the hot seat.

*Could be done whole class or in smaller groups.

Online Learning

1. Via Zoom: Designate a student to be in the “hot seat” to answer questions based on a topic.
2. That student should unmute while other students stay muted.
3. Questions could be predetermined by the teacher or students.
4. The teacher sets a timer for an appropriate amount of time for the person in the hot seat to answer questions.
5. The teacher instructs students to begin asking questions by first using the raise hand icon.
6. The teacher calls on students to unmute to ask their question.
7. This continues with various students taking a turn in the hot seat.
8. This can also be done in breakout rooms with one student designated as the being in the “hot seat” and other students in the group ask questions.
9. The teacher pops in and out of each breakout room.