

FACILITATING STUDENT CENTERED DISCUSSIONS

Grade Level PLC

Activity 20 Minutes
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Dodge City Middle School



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PLC Leader: Read the following statement to your PLC Team: In *facilitating student-centered discussion*, you invite students to learn by talking and listening to each other. As peers share their thoughts, they build content knowledge, gain critical-thinking skills, and grow more self-confident.

PLC Leader: Read the following statement: Watch the video and explore related artifacts which show how students refine their understanding of scientific concepts through small group and whole class discussions. See the strategy in action! Take a look at how students in Steven English's eighth grade science class refine their understanding of scientific concepts through small group and whole class discussions.

As you watch the video, think about these questions:

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2. What strikes you about student discussions in this classroom?
3. How would you describe the teacher's role?

Play Video: [Facilitating Student-Centered Discussion](#)

Discuss the following questions

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