

Discussion Guide

STEP 1

A presenter will suggest a topic or idea for discussion.

STEP 2

Students silently review the topic by listing their thoughts on the following aspects:

- Appropriateness
- Student interest in the topic
- Teacher willingness to engage in the topic
- How the topic might be related to a subject matter or concept

STEP 3

Open up the group for engaging in discussion

- Start with strengths
 - I really liked _____ because _____.
 - I think students will like this topic because _____. (give students some thinking points about why they may like a topic or may not like a topic)
 - I think this could be relevant because _____.
- Make connections
 - This makes me think of _____ in _____.
 - This topic relates to _____.
- Discuss why the topic is not appropriate
 - Think this topic is _____ because _____.
 - This is counter to _____ that we have discussed _____.