

LEARNING EXCHANGE PROTOCOL

Final Word: Text Based Seminar

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Purpose: To understand text and share our understandings: The purpose of this discussion protocol is to give all members of a group the opportunity to have their ideas, understandings, and perspectives enhanced by hearing from others. With this protocol, groups can explore an article, clarify their thinking, and have their assumptions and beliefs questioned in order to gain deeper meaning. Groups should include no more than four or five participants.

Step #1 - Roles

Identify a facilitator and a timekeeper.

Step #2 - Read

Everyone reads the piece of text, underlining or highlighting at least one “most” significant idea.

Step #3

Sit in a circle. The first person begins by reading what “struck him or her the most” from the article (one thought or one quote only). Then, in less than 3 minutes, this person describes why that quote struck him or her.

Step #4

Each person in the circle responds to that quote and what the presenter said, in less than one minute.

Step #5

The person that began has the “final word.” In no more than one minute the presenter responds to what has been said. Now, what is s/he thinking? What is his or her reaction to what has been said?

Step #6

The next person in the circle then shares his or her highlighted piece of the text and what struck them. This process continues until each person has had a round to share a quote.

Final Step

Write a gist statement about the article

Ground Rule: *Refer to the text – challenge others to go to the text*