

# Think/Pair/Share

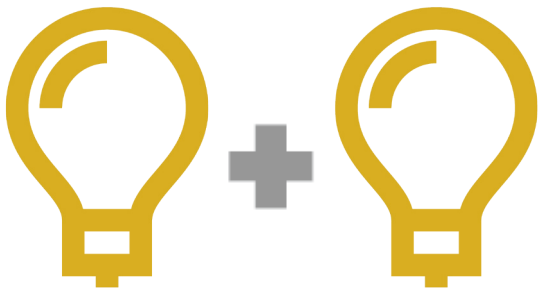
*Think/Pair/Share is an active learning technique designed to give students in-class opportunities to engage in active discussion with their peers about their understanding of a topic.*

## **STEP 1 - Students Think Individually:**

- Start the process by posing a higher-order thinking question for your students to “think” about and answer individually within a fixed period of time.
- Software like Hotseat and iClicker can be used to track each students’ original response, before talking with their peers.



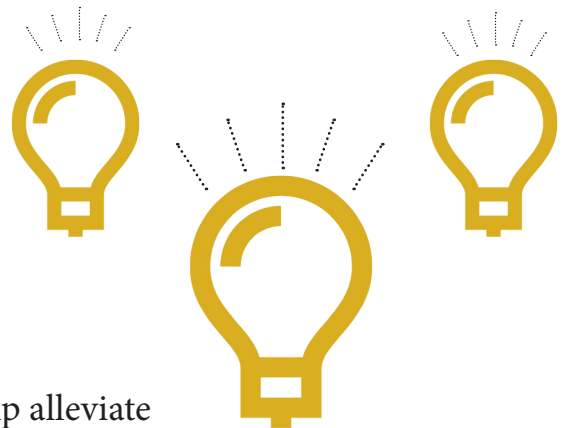
## **STEP 2 - Students Pair up with Each Other**



- Ask students to partner with one or more students in close proximity to discuss their answers to the original question posed.
- Provide time for each “pair” or group of students to provide rationale for which answer they believe is correct.

## **STEP 3 - Students Share their Response to the Class**

- Ask students to verbally express their answer and rationale to the entire class.
- You can use iClicker or Hotseat to track the change in student’s thinking before and after they “pair up.” It might be beneficial to “hide” the results of both polls in order to eliminate groupthink.
- Showing responses via Hotseat and/or iclicker can help alleviate anxiety about sharing their answers with the rest of the class.



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