



## Think – Pair - Share

### Description of Think – Pair - Share

Think-Pair-Share (Lyman, 1981) is an instructional strategy that is used to provide students with reflective thought on a given topic, helping them to formulate individual ideas and share those ideas with another student. Lyman and associates developed this strategy to encourage all students to participate in the learning process, increasing the number of students who are participating and helping to keep students “on task”.

Lyman, F. T. (1981). The responsive classroom discussion: The inclusion of all students. *Mainstreaming Digest* (pp. 109-113). College Park: University of Maryland Press.

### Purpose for Using Think – Pair - Share

The Think – Pair – Share strategy serves several purposes:

- Encourages students to think about something and articulate their thoughts
- Provides “think time”, increasing the quality of student responses
- Promotes understanding through active reasoning and explanation
- Encourages students to understand multiple perspectives
- Students may be more willing to participate because answers are not as “public” as answering in front of the class