Harkness: Student-Led Talks

Harkness Discussions Empower ELs to

- cultivate critical thinking skills
- foster empathy, open-mindedness
- develop speaking & listening abilities
- engage with & internalize content knowledge & concepts
- actively construct meaning vs. being given the meaning

The Process

1. Examine a stimulus
   - The teacher observes & takes notes of the contributions.

2. Generate Questions
   - A discussion structure where ELs ask questions, contribute answers, & evaluate ideas.

3. Sit in a Circle

4. Discuss the Questions

5. Discuss the Interactions

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