

The Text Rendering Experience

Purpose:

To collaboratively construct meaning, clarify, and expand our thinking about a text or document.

Roles:

A facilitator to guide the process.

A scribe to track the phrases and words that are shared.

Set Up:

Take a few moments to review the document and mark the sentence, the phrase, and the word that you think is particularly important for our work.

Steps:

1. First Round: Each person shares a sentence from the document that he/she thinks/feels is particularly significant.
2. Second Round: Each person shares a phrase that he/she thinks/feels is particularly significant. The scribe records each phrase.
3. Third Round: Each person shares the word that he/she thinks/feels is particularly significant. The scribe records each word.
4. The small group discusses what they heard and what it makes them think about the role of questioning in teaching and learning.
5. The large group shares the words that emerged and any new insights about the document.
6. The large group debriefs the text rendering process.

