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Three Levels of Text Protocol

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Purpose

To deepen understanding of a text and explore implications for participants' work.

Facilitation

Stick to the time limits. Each round takes up to 5 minutes per person in a group. Emphasize the need to watch air time during the brief "group response" segment. Do 1 – 3 rounds. Can be used as a prelude to a Text-based Discussion or by itself.

Roles

Facilitator/timekeeper (who also participates); participants

Process

1. Sit in a circle and identify a facilitator/timekeeper
2. If participants have not done so ahead of time, have them read the text and identify passages (and a couple of back-ups) that they feel may have important implications for their work.
3. A Round consists of:
 - One person using up to 3 minutes to:
 - LEVEL 1: Read aloud the passage she/he has selected
 - LEVEL 2: Say what she/he thinks about the passage (interpretation, connection to past experiences, etc.)
 - LEVEL 3: Say what she/he sees as the implications for his/her work.
 - The group responding (for a **TOTAL** of up to 2 minutes) to what has been said.
4. After all rounds have been completed, debrief the process.