

Name of Strategy: Sticky Note Activity

Materials: small sticky notes, flip chart paper, markers.

Size: works best with at least 12-15 people

Time: 45 – 60 minutes, or more depending on the size

Set up: moveable tables and chairs so small groups can be formed

Description:

This strategy encourages students to articulate their own ideas about something, to share their ideas with a small group, then, to jointly construct a finished product based on everyone's input. Begin by posing a question, such as "What ideas do you associate with effective leadership?" Distribute small sticky notes to the group, encouraging students to take as many as they need to capture all their ideas by writing one idea or concept per note. After a few minutes, ask the students to form small groups of four or five and share their ideas with each other, paying close attention to how their ideas are similar and/or different. Next, ask each small group to build a model that illustrates their group response to the original question. The sticky notes are useful to arrange in different configurations on the wall or tabletop. Finally, each group creates a graphic representation of their model on a piece of flip chart paper to share with the larger group. The papers can be posted around the room as a reminder of the information or reference for future group work.

Debriefing:

- What did you learn about your own ideas on this topic?
- How were your ideas similar to and/or different from others in your group?
- What type of discussion did this create in your group?
- What did you learn about other peoples' ideas?
- How did your group incorporate these similarities and/or differences in the final product?
- What did you notice about the process your group used to create your "finished product"?

This strategy addresses: Global Perspective

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