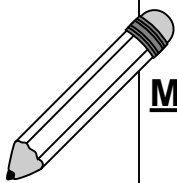
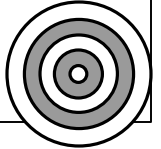


Save the Last Word for Me

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Purpose: To enhance text understanding, foster group interaction/ problem solving, provide a scaffold for challenging text material, and encourage purposeful note taking



Materials: Reading selection, paper or cards for note taking, pencils

Procedure:

- Students form groups of three.
- Students read the text (or portions of the text) silently.
- Students take notes/write pithy quotes/question/agreements/disagreements on index cards or half sheets of paper.
- Students discuss the text (or portions of the text). Each member of the group selects a comment or question from the note cards for the group to discuss. Other members of the group react to the comment or question by sharing their own responses, or by attempting the answer questions.
- The student who initially shared the comment/question has the “last word” by summarizing the discussion and offering his/her own opinion. Another member of the group shares a comment/question, and the discussion cycle begins again.

