



Pair-Share

The pair-share strategy is an effective way to engage students actively in the social studies classroom. It fosters collaboration, critical thinking, and verbal communication. Here's how you can implement it in your social studies lessons:

First, pose a thoughtful question or thought. Give students time to think about their response. It is helpful to write down their thinking. You can also use sentence starters for those students that might need extra support.

Second, pair the students up. Pair students strategically to promote diverse perspectives. Mixing ability levels or backgrounds can lead to richer discussions. A simple online application like Ready, group, go, allows teachers to make instant groups and to save their classes to do this when needed.

Third, Students share their responses with their partner. Encourage active listening, where one partner speaks while the other listens without interrupting.

Finally, invite and encourage a few pairs to share their discussions with the whole class. This step allows students to hear a variety of perspectives.

This strategy not only helps students process and retain information but also builds a collaborative classroom culture!