Think-Pair-Share

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**Purpose:** Everyone processes information at different speeds, so this exercise allows students time to think and try out ideas before sharing in a large group. This brief exercise will generate better comments in class and allow students who might not usually share to participate in class.

**Directions:** At any time during class, though often after some initial lecture on a topic, give students a conceptual question. Then give them 1 minute to think about the question, 1 minute to write about it, 3 minutes to share with a partner. After 5 minutes, ask students to share one major idea or question generated by the exercise.

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