

## Think-Pair-Share

### Purpose

Think-pair-share is a collaborative learning strategy that helps students to solve problems, answers questions, build and share background knowledge, and support one another's thinking about an assigned reading and or topic. Collaboration is essential in any learning environment and by utilizing the tools of ThinkCERCA you will bring the reading to a new level of engagement when students are challenged to not only think about the content, but pair up and share out their ideas with their peers. This activity is also great for any and all content areas and grade levels using ThinkCERCA.

### Time

varies

### Materials

Student devices and/or paper and pencil

### Procedure

1. Give students at least two minutes to think through and answer a question on their own. Have students type or write their initial thinking on paper to help ensure that students are utilizing the thinking time.
2. Have students share with a partner or small group. During this opportunity of collaboration, it is important that both parties get to share and expand on one another's thoughts and ideas.
3. Have students share out whole class. This is a great opportunity to address any misconceptions whole class and to allow students to collaborate as a class.
4. Repeat the process as much as the teacher desires.

### How to use with ThinkCERCA

This can be used throughout your entire day and during any part of ThinkCERCA. The Think-Pair-Share strategy helps students stay engaged throughout instruction.

#### Variations:

1. Students walk around the room to find someone to share their answer with (versus sharing with the classmate sitting next to them).
2. Students can be pre-selected into groups that will be most beneficial to their learning.
3. Students can select or create the questions to be answers during the Think, Pair, Share.