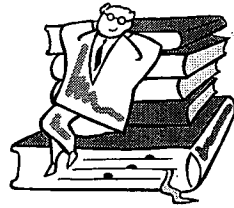


The Final Word Protocol



- ✓ **Purpose:** Explore an article, clarify our thinking, expand on perspectives, and build on each other's thinking.
- ✓ **Roles:** **Facilitator:** Keeps the process moving. Keeps participants focused.
Time Keeper: Makes sure everyone gets an opportunity to participate.
Participants: Active listeners. Reflective thinkers.
- ✓ **Set Up:** Provide each participant with three note cards. As they read an article they are to write one significant idea on each card.
- ✓ **The Process:**
Eye to Eye/Knee to Knee reading
Participants sit in a circle (3-4 works best)

2 minutes:

The first person begins reading what "struck them most" as written on one index card. Referring to text when necessary.

1 minute/person

Each person in the circle responds to what they heard (one at a time.)

1 minute:

The person that began the round has the "**FINAL WORD**" to respond to what has been said.

Repeat the process with all participants in the circle.