"AHA" Protocol

Objective: To learn about the ideas presented in the text

Goal: Participants will be able to facilitate work with students, parents, and colleagues on the selected reading(s).

We will read, reflect, and discuss. Then each table will discuss the reading using the "AHA" Protocol. Once all the table groups have completed the protocol, we will share our ideas in a whole group discussion.

Members of the table group will read the text silently and note the "AHA" moments, which could be words, phrases, or sentences that have meaning to you. The following symbols can be used to mark the "AHA" moments:

! Mark the ideas in the selection that are new for you or said in a new way that you had not previously considered.

? Mark the ideas that do not align with your experiences or that you would like to explore further.

✓ Mark the ideas that you agree with or that you think are significant to the group.

Each person shares an "AHA" moment for 1 minute uninterrupted that relates to the text while the group listens until everyone has shared one moment. This round is done three times (one for each !, ?, or check).

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