

## NHCTC-Workshop Agenda-Exploring Cooperative Learning Methods

- **Introductions in pairs**
  - What do your expectations for today's workshops?
  - How do you involve your students in the learning process?
  - Additional biographical information that will help us get to know your partner.
- Introduce partner to base group as a rehearsal for whole group introductions
- Introductions of partner to the whole group
- Whole group discussion of expectations for today's workshops
  
- **Pair-Reading-Explaining-** comparing definitions of cooperative and collaborative learning paradigms. Participants will pair read the article comparing cooperative and cooperative learning approaches. Please read the following article before 1/15/08
  - <http://home.capecod.net/~tpanitz/tedsarticles/coopdefinition.htm>
  
- **Pair Writing-** Participants will write individual comparisons and then after the pair reading exercise pairs will write composite definitions with their partner. Next each pair will share their results with their base groups.
  
- **Whole group discussion-** pairs will share their results of the writing exercise with the whole group.
  
- **Final exercise for this session-** How might you use any of these activities in a specific course? Individual writing. Share your thought with your base group. Whole group discussion.
  
- **Warm-up activity-** Finding 5 things in common- Base group
- **Jig-Saw-** Benefits of Cooperative Learning  
<http://home.capecod.net/~tpanitz/tedsarticles/coopbenefits.htm>
  - Participants in base groups are each given a different topic.
  - Participants with same topic form "expert" groups to analyze information and devise a way to "teach" or communicate their findings to their base group.
  - Everyone returns to their base group and "teaches" their topic.
  - Whole group summary- random choice of participants to describe their topic to the whole group.
  - Session write-up- Where can you use this activity in your courses?

### Questions and Answers

**EVALUATION-** please use the reverse side if necessary.

Did the days activities meet your expectations? If yes how? If no what was missing?

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Which of the cooperative activities demonstrated today might you be able to use in your classes?

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What additional information regarding cooperative learning might be helpful to you?

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What three things in this workshop were most helpful for you?

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What is one thing that might be improved?

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