



Final Word Activity Guide

NOTES:

OBJECTIVES:

As a result of this activity, participants will:

- expand the group's individual and collective understanding of a text in a focused way and in a limited amount of time.

ACTIVITY:

Step 1:

Each participant will read an article designated by the facilitator. Then, each participant will select and highlight or write, what is for him or her, one significant quotation or section from the text.

Step 2:

Participants should be organized into groups of four. Each group will engage in four 15-minute rounds.

Participants will begin by designating a facilitator and timekeeper. (These roles should not be filled by the person who will begin the round or by the person who will have the Final Word.)

Procedure for each round:

- One person begins by reading his or her quotation and explaining the significance of the text. (4 minutes)
- After this person has finished, each person in the group will then comment on the quotation / section shared by the person who began the round. The response may be directed to what the person has said, or may deal with the quotation or section in any other way that extends the group's understanding of the text.
- Each person in the group has three minutes to respond, for a total of nine minutes.
- The person who started then has the Final Word. (2 minutes)

Participants will repeat this process until each person in the group has had a chance to have the Final Word.

Step 3:

As a whole group, participants will debrief the process and share any insights.