

4 Ideas

For utilizing whole groups

Whole group instruction is appropriate when there is a large amount of information that needs to be presented quickly, as an overview, or to share basic information. Here are 4 ways to use whole groups:

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Lecture

Verbal imparting of knowledge

Remember to:

- Prepare visuals
- Plan for interactions
- Support note-taking
- Keep it short
- Write questions
- How will you know they are learning?

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Debates

Based on controversial issues - issues that have pros & cons

Key ideas:

- Students actively participate
- Teacher facilitates
- Different from discussion
- Students learn about an issue and take a position
- Relate this position to others

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Discussion

Focused on student interactions sharing about a topic

Think about:

- Do students have sufficient background knowledge?
- Ensure all students can participate
- Discussion facilitation
- When to intervene
- Keep it short and relative

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Demonstrates

Showing a step-by-step method

Key ideas:

- Differs from lecture
- Used when time is limited or insufficient materials for students to do work
- Used as modeling
- Critical in teaching students to use arts materials