



Think, Pair, Share

The Think, Pair, Share strategy is an effective way to engage students actively in the Social Studies classroom. It fosters collaboration, critical thinking, and verbal communication. Here's how you can implement it in your social studies lessons:

First, pose a thoughtful question, idea, or quotation. Give students time to individually think about their response. It is helpful to have students write down their thinking. You can also provide sentence starters for students that might need extra support.

Second, pair the students up. Consider assigning students strategically to promote diverse perspectives. Mixing ability levels or backgrounds can lead to richer discussions.

Third, direct students to share their responses with their partner. Encourage active listening, where one partner speaks while the other listens without interrupting and then repeats back a summary of the response.

Finally, invite and encourage a few pairs to share their discussions with the whole class. This step allows students to hear a variety of perspectives.

This strategy not only helps students process and retain information but also builds a collaborative classroom culture!

