



Gallery Walk

What it is:

Students get out of their seats and respond in small groups to a prompt, and then respond to other student's responses as well.

Implementation:

- Instructor posts a series of prompts around room. Prompts should be open-ended, allowing for a variety of responses.
- Provide instructions to students and arrange students into groups
- Each group responds on paper to one of the prompts.
- Groups rotate through prompts, responding both to the prompt as well as prior groups' comments. Instructor monitors and spurs discussion when needed.
- Students report out key points. Instructor adds comments and corrects for misconceptions.

Benefits:

- Facilitates student interaction & collaboration
- Allows all students to voice their thoughts
- Promotes debate and consensus building
- May be used to assess students' prior knowledge or misconceptions
- Wakes up students with movement

Example prompts:

- Images
- Graphs
- News headlines
- Opinion statements
- Questions

Group members may choose roles:

- Leader
- Reporter
- Monitor
- Recorder



Gallery Walk introducing REE in 30 person, non-majors course.
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Examples of Gallery Walk questions

organized by Bloom's Hierarchy

- **Knowledge:** *List the impacts of increased ultraviolet radiation reaching the earth.*
- **Comprehension:** *What is the difference between weathering and erosion?*
- **Application:** *Use Darcy's Law to calculate groundwater flow rates in the marked locations.*
- **Analysis:** *What inference can you make about the geomorphic history of this region based on the terraces?*
- **Synthesis:** *Create a coastal zoning plan to better protect from hurricane damage.*
- **Evaluation:** *Use scientific evidence to defend or criticize the use of Yucca Mountain as a nuclear waste repository.*

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