

Activity 3: Jigsaw #1 (Home Group/Expert Group)

When discussion of new information is desired, but time is limited, use this jigsaw reading grouping.

1. Place each group of students in a base or “home” group of four. The number of groups depends on the number of students.
2. Assign each member of the group a number that corresponds to a part of the text to be read, discussed, and mastered. Each member is responsible for completing one part of the reading assignment and for taking notes on it.
3. Students then leave their “home” groups and form “expert” groups with other students with the same number. Each “expert” group works on its part of the assignment; members assist each other with questions, clarifications, and summaries. In preparation for going back to his or her “home” group as an “expert,” each student rehearses and teaches the lesson to the other members.
4. Students return to their “home” groups and share, discuss information, and teach their part of the reading assignment.
5. Students reassemble as a whole class and share their thoughts and responses.

