

Small Group Discussion: *Testing Ideas with Peer-to-Peer Consultation*
Research Process Grade 7-12 (Processing Information)

PEER-TO-PEER CONSULTATION

Talking about your research with a partner will help you to reflect on the information you have gathered. By talking about your work you are often able to clarify meaning for yourself. Your peers will help you by asking questions about your research. They may also be able to provide you with some tips regarding other sources you should consult or connections they see with their projects.

Some questions to help you get the consultation started:

How did you settle on this topic for your research?
Tell me about your project?
What surprised you about your findings?
Have you discovered anything that concerns you?
Are you satisfied with the information you have gathered?
Have you investigated all possible perspectives?

Further ideas to keep the discussion going:

What is the significance of _____ ?
What are the possible positive/negative impacts of _____ ?
Explain how you came to understand _____ ?
How might you prove/confirm _____ ?
Describe how _____ ?
Justify/support/prove/verify _____ ?
What is the big idea, key concept, moral in _____ ?
Give an example of _____ ?
What conclusions might be drawn from _____ ?
What might happen if _____ ?

Now switch places. Critique your partner's work and provide supportive suggestions if you can.

Reflections:

What new ideas do you have?

What changes do you plan to make?

How has the consultation process helped you?