



Harvard Graduate School of Education
Project Zero 50th Anniversary Launching Event – “Changing Minds”
Friday, October 13, 2017
Quotes/Notes: A Watching Guide

Purpose

Quotes/Notes is a good option when you want to allow the group some free reign in how they respond to the video.

Preparation

If you choose this option, you'll need to make copies of “The Quotes/Notes Watching Guide” (see next page).

Set Up

Before the video begins, allow 30 seconds to a minute of quiet so that participants can complete the first part of the watching guide, in which participants identify their own particular focus for their watching. Participants do not need to share out their particular questions or curiosities before the video begins, but if you have time, it is fine to invite participants to do so.

While Watching

The Quotes/Notes Watching Guide invites participants to take notes as they watch, capturing both particular quotations as well as their responses (questions and/or ideas) that those quotations spark.

After Watching

The debriefing conversation can be divided into three parts (although it is fine to skip any one of the three parts, depending on your timeframe):

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Part 1: Sharing Quotations (5 minutes or so)

Go around the room and invite each participant to read one (short) quotation that they captured. Participants simply read off the quotation—they do not say why they chose the quote, or offer any explanation of the quote itself. The goal here is to help the group develop a collective (and more complete) version of what was conveyed during the talk. There is no discussion during this part of the debrief: only the reading of (brief) quotations. If the group is very large, you can do this popcorn style, simply inviting people to call out one quotation that was striking to them. (You may need to set the norm that no one speaks twice until everyone has spoken once.)

Part 2: Reflecting and Sharing Responses in Small Groups (10 minutes or so)

After the quotations have been shared, allow a brief pause so that participants can think about what they heard and also review their responses. Then invite participants to gather in groups of 2 or 3 to discuss their responses. (If the group has been sitting without a break since the beginning of the session, invite them to stand up, find one or two people they haven't been sitting next to, and stand in a small group to have a conversation.) If time allows, you might invite participants to spend a few minutes in one pair or trio, and then ask everyone to find new partners and to share a second time.

Part 3: Sharing Responses in the Larger Group (5 minutes or so)

Once participants have had a chance to share in pairs or trios, call the group together and invite comments in the large group. (If the group is very large, it might be helpful to remind participants to "share the air" so that as many different perspectives can be shared as possible in the short time available.) You might also consider using the prompt, "What did you hear from your colleagues in the small group conversation(s) that was a new idea or question for you?"

The Project Zero 50th Anniversary Launching event Quotes/Notes Watching Guide (page 2)

Before you watch:

What are you curious about? What will you be watching for?

While you watch:

Quotes

Record words, phrases, or anything else that catches your attention.

Notes

Capture your responses: ideas and questions that come up for you as you watch.

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After you watch:

Take a minute to review your notes, identifying one or two ideas or questions you'd like to share in a brief conversation with a partner or two.

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