

# Pause

**Time: 60 minutes**

**Materials: Paper, Pens**

**Purpose** Use the Pause protocol to provide a opportunity for participants to discuss and reflect on the concepts and ideas introduced by the article or articles. This protocol also helps participants make connections to prior knowledge and seek clarification.

- Process**
1. Write two sets of questions on chart paper: one set to help participants connect the reading to their prior knowledge and one set to clarify their thinking about the reading.
    - **Connection Questions:** What connections can you make to what you already know or have done? What does this article remind you of? What would round out your understanding of this topic? What can you add?
    - **Clarification Questions:** What is not clear about this topic yet? What is confusing? Where are you struggling to connect to this article or articles? How can you probe for deeper insights?
  2. Have participants read the article or articles.
  3. Ask participants to get into groups of 3–4 people to discuss the main ideas and concepts from the reading.
  4. Then ask participants to connect their prior knowledge and experience to the reading by answering the Connection Questions.
  5. Once they have completed the Connection Questions, have participants answer the Clarification Questions.
  6. After they complete the Clarification Questions, have participants pause and reflect in writing about what they read and their group discussion.
  7. Ask for volunteers to share what they wrote with the whole group.

*adapted from Jay McTighe*