

## WHIP AROUND

### A Students Sharing Activity

This activity is a great way for students to share with the class their thoughts after a reading passage was assigned. By using this activity, you are able to engage all students in the sharing process while still allowing them to express their own opinion without the fear of “being wrong”.

- Give the students each two post-it notes and an article/text to read.
- Have the student skim/read a piece of text and annotate it.
- Then, they must write down two things from the text that stood out to them in some way. They write one statement on each post-it note.
- After students have read the text, annotated it, and written their post-it notes, start a class discussion.
- Start on one side of the classroom and go around the classroom in order. It works best if students are sitting in a circle.
- The first student shares one thing that stood out to them.
- The next student can then build on what the first student said, or can share a different point.
- As you go around the classroom, each student must build on or add to the previous discussion, but **may not** repeat what has already been said. It is meant for students to quickly “whip” around the classroom building on, and adding to the discussion.