



The Best Ever A Constructivist Protocol

Developed in the field by educators.

1. Reflect on the “best” piece of work you have ever done. The work can come from any source, medium, or setting. (5 minutes)
2. Write a vivid description of the work. List three to five qualities that you believe are present in the work and are essential to making it so good. (10 minutes)
3. Pair up with a partner and share a brief description of the work and the qualities you have identified as essential for excellence present in the work. See if you can agree on 3-5 qualities that you both think are essential to excellence. (15 minutes)
4. Join another pair and see if you can agree on 3-5 qualities of excellence. (15 minutes)
5. Whole group sharing of those qualities that teams of 4 found essential for their own excellent work. Would those same qualities be essential to excellence in student work? Why? Why not? (15 minutes)