

Three Levels of Text Protocol

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Purpose:

- To deepen understanding of a text and explore implications for participants' work.

Facilitation:

- Stick to the time limits. Each round takes up to 5 minutes per person in a group.
- Emphasize the need to watch air time during the brief "group response" segment.

Roles:

- Facilitator/timekeeper (who also participates); participants

Process:

1. Each person individually reads the text, highlighting significant passages related to the topic.
2. Each person takes up to 2-3 minutes to:
 - LEVEL 1: Read aloud the passage she/he has selected.
 - LEVEL 2: Say how she/he interprets the passage and/or what connections he/she makes to the passage.
 - LEVEL 3: Say what she/he sees as the implications for his/her work.
3. The group responds (for a TOTAL of up to 2 minutes) to what has been said in this round.
4. After all rounds have been completed, debrief the process.

