



Reading Resource Library Civil Rights and Diverse America Resource: Small Group Engagement

This resource works best if you have completed at least one of the other Civil Rights or Diverse America resources found at the hyperlink below – including reading and reflecting on different texts and excerpts. This resource provides culminating activity options once one or more of these have been completed.

Resources to explore first:

- [Visit our Reading Resource Library for more Civil Rights Instructor Resources](#)

Small Group Engagement

This resource will supply instructors with strategies to help support collaborative learning and feedback in their learners. These two skills can have significant impact for adult learners as best described in this quote: “Through concepts of cooperative learning, adults can enhance their knowledge and skills in a shorter time than while working individually. By sharing their workload and disseminating information more quickly, adult learners may realize their goals more readily and thoroughly” (Johnson, et al. 1991). These skills can transfer from the classroom to authentic situations/scenarios for adult learners and help them synthesize their learning.

Learners will be working in groups to demonstrate their learning. The following activities are meant to provide collaborative learning opportunities for learners that will also help them synthesize their learning, reflect on their learning, and make connections to their learning, as well as their own lives. The activities will also foster teamwork and speaking and listening skills. Consider using [this template](#) to guide your work with your learners. You may consider re-wording the questions on page four of the guide for your learners to help them with their presentation skills while using the following options. Explore and share other presentation support [here](#).

Collaborative engagement options may include:

- [Acting It Out](#)
- [Socratic Seminars](#)
- Give a dramatic reading of their [collaborative poetry](#)

Consider how you will assess presentations or small group learning and include learners and peer reviews. Explore these resources:

- [Check for Understanding](#)
- [Peer Feedback: Making it Meaningful](#)
- [Developing Effective Feedback](#)
- [Videos to Support Peer Feedback](#)
- [Edutopia: Quality Peer Feedback](#)
- [Infographic on Effective Feedback for Learning](#)
- [Jamboard](#)

Additional Resources

- [Reading Resource Library Instructor Planning Materials](#)
- [Anti-Racist and Anti-Bias Teaching Resources](#)
- [Three Black Women of Literacy – Unit of Study](#)
- [Diversity Toolkit for Instructors](#)