

Jigsaw

A jigsaw is an approach used to quickly familiarize groups of people with content. Have students count off by threes or fours to form three-four person teams. These are "expert" groups. Assign different reading selections to each group. Have participants read silently. When they are finished, have the members of each expert group discuss what they have read, identifying the key concepts to share with others. The goal of each group is to master their assigned text. Reorganize the students into three to four new groups. The new groups will be made up of four individuals who have each read and mastered a different text. In this new group, each person is responsible for presenting information from the selection he or she read in the previous group to others members of this new group. As a whole group, discuss general observations and learnings.