



Arkansas State Communication Association

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### Oral Communication Units and Activities

## Group Discussion

#### Students will be able to

- explain role of group discussion in daily life.
- describe various types and forms of group discussion.
- describe roles of group members.
- demonstrate ways to prepare for group discussion.
- participate in group discussion.
- evaluate group discussion.

#### Strand

1. Areas of class discussion
  - Applications
  - Formats
  - Roles of members
  - Possible outcomes
2. Preparation for group discussion
  - Planning
  - Research
3. Holding a group discussion
  - Participating
  - Responding
  - Reaching an outcome
4. Evaluation of group discussion
  - By group members
  - By audience

#### Activities

1. Conduct a class discussion on the nature of group discussion.
2. Have a brainstorm session for discussion topics.
3. Hold a pre-discussion planning meeting.
4. Conduct library research of topic.
5. Conduct a group discussion.
6. Orally evaluate after the completion of the discussion.

## **Framework**

- 3.1.23 Work collaboratively to generate ideas and solve problems.
- 3.1.24 Express and logically defend one's ideas.
- 3.1.25 Speak formally to a variety of audiences for a variety of purposes.
- 3.1.26 Participate in interviews, discussions, and/or debates.
- 3.1.28 Evaluate and respond to oral presentations.
- 4.1.18 Evaluate information from a variety of sources.
- 4.1.19 Analyze and evaluate what is heard.

## **Class Activities**

The Beauty Pageant  
"Silent Sentences"  
"Who Done It?"  
Organizing For Action  
"Take The Money And Run"  
Life Is A Puzzle  
NASA Moon Trip