

Purpose:

The purpose of this protocol is to deepen understanding of a concept or idea through multiple perspectives by putting two or more texts into a “conversation.”

Facilitation:

- This process consists of 1 – 3 rounds. Each round takes up to 3 minutes per person.
- Hold to the time limits and emphasize the need to watch air time during the “group discussion” segment (you can adjust this time according to group size and time limitations).
- This can be used as a prelude to a Text-based Discussion or as a stand alone.

Process

The following questions will guide the group discussion. It is a good idea to begin using a go-around to hear from all participants and then move into an open discussion for each question.

Questions should be discussed in order.

1. Participants sit in a circle and identify a facilitator/timekeeper
2. If participants have not done so ahead of time, have them read Text 1 and consider these questions as they read:
 - What is it saying?
 - What does it make you think of?
3. If participants have not done so ahead of time, have them read Text 2 and consider these questions as they read:
 - What is it saying?
 - What does it make you think of?
4. In rounds, share responses to the questions below - a round consists of one person using up to 3 minutes, uninterrupted, to share their thinking about the following questions:
 - What is it saying?
 - What does it make you think of?
5. After all rounds have been completed, the group discusses:
 - How do these texts connect?
 - What are the implications for our work with PLCs?
6. Debrief the process