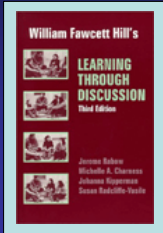


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## Learning Through Discussion



## Introduction to LTD

- First published in 1962
- Requires more work than typical lecture-discussion classes
- Active learning in the acquisition and development of knowledge
- Democratic group discussion model

## Three parts to the LTD method

1. LTD process plan
2. List of criteria for initiating LTD
3. Group members' roles and skills

## LTD Process Plan

Step 1: Checking in	2-4 minutes
Step 2: Vocabulary	3-4 minutes
Step 3: General statement of author's message	5-6 minutes
Step 4: Identification and discussion of major themes or subtopics	10-12 minutes
Step 5: Application of material to other works	15-16 minutes
Step 6: Application of material to self	10-12 minutes
Step 7: Evaluation of author's presentation	3-4 minutes
Step 8: Evaluation of group and individual performance	7-8 minutes
Total Time	60 minutes

## Criteria for Initiating LTD

1. Group members must regularly attend and come prepared (bring COG Maps) to discuss the material.
2. Group discussion is a cooperative learning experience.
3. Everyone is expected to participate and interact.
4. Group sessions and the task of learning should be enjoyable.
5. The material is adequately and efficiently covered.
6. Evaluation of the group process and individual contribution to the discussion are integral parts of group operation.

## Group Roles and Member Skills

Sequence of task roles specific for discussion of a topic:

1. Initiating
2. Giving and asking for information
3. Giving and asking for reactions
4. Restating and giving examples
5. Confronting and reality testing
6. Clarifying, synthesizing, and summarizing

Overall task roles required in the LTD method:

1. Gatekeeping and expediting
2. Timekeeping
3. Evaluating and diagnosing

## Nonfunctional Roles

- The silent ones
- The overparticipant
- The wanderer
- The tangent person
- The story teller
- The insecure talker
- The lone dissenter

## LTD in the Classroom

- Pick roles for the day
  - Leader
  - Timekeeper
  - Recorder
- Instructor will decide total time to allocate to discussion