

# Culturally Relevant Instruction

## Boggle

*Teacher Tip*

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Boggle is a cooperative learning structure that provides students with an opportunity to review content and collectively build on each other's knowledge. It is an excellent test prep strategy. Boggle communicates the expectation that all students **can and will** be actively engaged in the learning process. Students have multiple opportunities to interact with a wide range of their classmates. This allows students to compare and contrast their understandings and to discuss differing perspectives.

### Directions for Boggle

- 1) Provide students with 2-3 minutes to review their notes or skim text pages read for homework.
- 2) Ask students to free write (brain dump) everything they can remember from their notes or the text. Students may NOT use their notes or the text.
- 3) Students draw a line across their paper right under where they stopped writing.
- 4) In teams of 3 or 4, students take two minutes each to share what each retrieved from memory and wrote on their paper. Each time a student hears something NOT on their own paper, they add the new ideas below the line.
- 5) Each group member then pairs with someone from another group. The pairs repeat the process of sharing and adding new information to their paper.
- 6) If the teacher wishes, students can pair a second time and repeat the process once more.
- 7) The teacher leads a discussion about the major ideas and supporting details in the content based on the mastery objective of the lesson.

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