

Famous Person's Activity: Learning How to Ask Clarifying and Probing Questions

1) Ask students to write the name of a famous person who they admire, living or deceased, on a note card and put this card out of sight (holding it next to their stomach, in their pocket or in their sock!)

2) Divide into pairs

Tell the participants that the goal of the activity is to find out by asking questions WHO their famous person is and WHY they choose that person. They should be prepared to report to the entire group who their partner chose and give THREE REASONS WHY their partner chose that person.

3) Students begin by asking CLARIFYING QUESTIONS FOR THE MINUTES- then they need to go to PROBING QUESTIONS ONLY.

4) Repeat until the students have found enough information to report back to the class on their partner's choices OR end the game when you wish

VARIATIONS:

1) ALTERNATE between Clarifying and Probing questions in three-minute rounds

2) Play one three- minute round of CLARIFYING and one three-minute round of PROBING questions

3) Play only with PROBING questions and then only with CLARIFYING questions