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SOCRATIC METHOD

- The Socratic method, also can be known as maieutics, method of elenchus, elenctic method, or Socratic debate, is a form of cooperative argumentative **dialogue** between individuals, based on asking and answering questions to stimulate critical thinking and to draw out ideas and underlying presumptions.
- You can use Socratic Circles many different ways. There is two kind of ways to arrange a Socratic Circles:

SOCRATIC CIRCLES

1) Inner - outer circle or fishbowl

Students need to be arranged in inner and outer circles. The inner engages in discussion about the text. The outer observes and make some notes. The outers share their observation and questions with inners with guidance from the facilitator. Students use constructive criticism as opposed to making judgements.

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2) Triad

Students are arranged so that each participant (Called a "pilot") in the inner circle has two "co-pilots" sitting behind them on either side. Pilots are the speakers because they are in the inner circle; co-pilots are in the outer circle and only speak during consultation.

The seminar proceeds as any other seminar. At a point during the seminar, the facilitator pauses the discussion and instructs the triads to talk with each other. Conversation will be about topics that need more indepth discussion or a question posed by the leader. Any time during a triad conversation group members can switch seats and one of the co-pilots can sit on the pilot´s seat. Only during that time switching is allowed.

This type of discussions involves student participation instead of just taking part of seminars.



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