**Activity Title: CHALK TALK**

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| **Purpose:** Ask learners to consider ideas, questions, or problems by silently responding in writing both to the prompt and the thoughts of others. |
| * Pre-learning
* Pre-assessment
* Team builder
* Activate Prior Knowledge
* Build background knowledge
* **Introduce new concept**
* Review prior content
* Progress monitor of content acquisition
* Processing
 | * Brainstorming
* Going deeper
* Self-reflection/assessment
	+ Products
	+ Skills
* Post assessment
* Fluency building/skills practice
* Interact with text
* Independent learning
* Synthesis
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| **Materials:*** Topic for Chalk Talk
* Consider documentation method (if needed)
	+ Chart paper, markers, post-it notes
	+ Electronic posters (Padlet, Nureva Span)
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| **Procedures:****Before**Set up: * Write each prompt on a large sheet of chart paper and place on tables around the room.
* Consider how long to give participants to respond. 5 minutes is a good starting point.
* Have procedures for process printed off or displayed

**During****What ideas come to mind when you consider this idea, question or problem?****Present the chalk talk prompt:** * Invite learners to think about their reactions to the prompt and record their ideas and questions.
* Read and add to each other’s responses with comments or questions.

**What connections can you make to others’ responses?*** Circulate: Provide time for learners to circulate around the Chalk Talk paper, reading and adding to the prompts and responses as they build.

**Facilitate:** Prompt the group about types of responses they can make as read: connecting ideas, elaborating on others ideas, commenting and asking them to provide more details.**What questions arise as you think about the ideas and consider the responses and comments of others?*** If people have rotated, have people go back to their work and reflect.
* Ask the group what themes they have noticed emerging.

**After** Share the Thinking:* Have documentation situated so that participants can ponder them after the activity.
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| **Content Connections:** * Build background knowledge of any topic

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