

Attitude Survey

Use the following questions to guide a conversation with your students about classroom discussion. Use what they tell you to plan lessons that will help them develop discussion competence. If, for example, your students tell you that class discussion is a way that teachers test what students know and you envision it as a forum for developing understanding, you will probably need to find ways to broaden their perceptions of discussion to help them experience effective environment-building conversations.

- What do you believe classroom discussion is for?
- What should the teacher do during discussion?
- What should students do during discussion?