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| Module 2  Facilitator Guide | Supporting All Students in Close Reading, Academic Language, and Text-Based Discussion |

**Activity 6**



Connecticut Core Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy

Grades 6–12

*Systems of Professional Learning*

**Connecticut Core Standards Systems of Professional Learning**

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# Session at-a-Glance

### Activity 6a and 6b: Viewing a Video and Choosing a Protocol (25 minutes)

Participants view a video of a secondary grade class engaged in text-based discussion, and will consider the importance of protocols for creating a productive environment for students. They will also note where formative assessment opportunities arise during the lesson. After viewing and discussing the video, participants select a protocol from a list of discussion protocols, learn about it, and explain it to others. Each pair of participants selects a discussion protocol to use in their close reading lesson.

##### Supporting Documents:

* Directions
* List of Discussion Protocols
* Lesson Plan Template

##### Video:

* *Students Cite Evidence from Informational and Literary Text* from Expeditionary Learning

<http://vimeo.com/54871334>

##### PowerPoint Slides:

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# Session Implementation

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| **Activity 6a** | |
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| Description of the Activity: In Activity 6a, participants will view a video of a secondary class engaged in text-based discussion, and will consider the importance of protocols for creating a productive environment for students. They will also note where formative assessment opportunities arise during the lesson. (The video can be found here: <http://vimeo.com/54871334> *A Protocol for Learning to Cite Evidence* from Expeditionary Learning.)  In Activity 6b, after viewing and discussing the video, participants will select a protocol from a list of discussion protocols, learn about it, and explain to others. | |
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| **Activity 6b** | |
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| Description of the Activity:  In Activity 6a, participants will view a video of a secondary class engaged in text-based discussion, and will consider the importance of protocols for creating a productive environment for students. They will also note where formative assessment opportunities arise during the lesson.  In Activity 6b, after viewing and discussing the video, participants will select a protocol from a list of discussion protocols, learn about it, and explain to others. (The video can be found here: <http://vimeo.com/54871334> *A Protocol for Learning to Cite Evidence* from Expeditionary Learning.) | |
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| Explain to participants that these protocols are described in their Participant Guide. At their table, each of them should choose a different protocol and study it briefly. Then they will describe it to others at their table. | |