



# INQUIRY FIELD GUIDE

*20+ PRACTICAL STRATEGIES AND  
PROTOCOLS TO PROMPT QUESTIONS  
AND FACILITATE INVESTIGATIONS*

# Whip Around / Once Around the Room

## The What

This strategy gives each student a chance to quickly share their idea with the whole class. Use this protocol when responses are likely to be only a few sentences long.

## The How

1. Pose a question or prompt to the whole class.
  - The questions may be opinion-based or an open-ended prompt that sparks student thinking for an upcoming activity.
2. After giving students a moment to think and/or jot their response, call on a student to share their thinking.
3. In a circle or snaking pattern around the room, invite each student to share their response.
  - Encourage students to turn their bodies toward the speaker to demonstrate active listening.
  - If needed, set a timer for each student to ensure that responses are quick.