

Circle within a circle

A less stressful approach to student presentations

The Circle-Within-a-Circle format for presenting student projects is time-efficient and very low stress-level. Students normally do not like presenting alone in front of the class. The audience usually gets quickly bored and this single-presentation format lasts too long.

The class is divided into two equal groups. Each group of students stands or sits in two concentric circles. The inside circle faces out and the outside circle faces. Each student presents to the partner facing him/her.

The teacher is standing/sitting in a location where he/she can observe the presentations of two students facing each other. When the teacher has evaluated these two presentations, he/she tells the class to stop and listen.

If the students are standing, the teacher asks either the inside circle or the outside circle to move one position clockwise. If the students are seated, the teacher asks either the inside or the outside circle to stand up. When that circle is standing, the teacher instructs those students to rotate one place clockwise and sit down in front of a new partner. The new pairs present to each other.

This rotation/presentation process continues until the teacher has observed/evaluated all the students' presentations.