



VIEWING GUIDE

COOPERATIVE LEARNING

BEFORE YOU VIEW: Here are some key questions and ideas you may want to think about and/or discuss with a colleague or mentor:

- What is cooperative learning?
- How can students benefit from working collaboratively?
- How do cooperative learning strategies prepare students for the workplace?



WHILE YOU VIEW: As you view the video look for answers to the following questions/ideas:

1. “Social _____ is seen as central to the learning process.”
2. Cooperative learning is an activity where two or more students are engaged in an interdependent process for learning new material or learning a new skill.
3. Operative learning is not just one student _____ another student.
4. “Effective workers can work on teams, teach others, negotiate and work well with people.”
5. Cooperative learning activities _____, but do not replace direct instruction.
6. Cooperative learning should be used as a part of an adult education program.

Cooperative Learning provides opportunities to increase academic achievement, develop higher reasoning strategies and enhance critical thinking skills. Socially, cooperative learning fosters greater acceptance of the diversity of team members, improves student self-esteem and promotes the willingness of students to encourage and assist one another. Greater motivation to learn and share is another significant result of using cooperative learning. In addition, there is usually a heightened interest in the subject being studied and better potential to develop lifelong interest in the ideas learned.

AFTER YOU VIEW: Answer these questions. Whenever possible, discuss your answers with a colleague or mentor.

1. What new information about cooperative learning did you learn from this video?
2. While viewing the video, what themes or patterns did you see?
3. What generalizations can you make about cooperative learning?
4. What are the benefits of cooperative learning for the student? What are the benefits for the instructor?
5. Why is it important for adults to learn to work cooperatively?
6. What questions about cooperative learning do you have?

ACTION PLAN: Develop a plan for implementing ideas from this video.

1. What are you going to do? (Objective)
2. How?
3. What steps will you take to make this happen?
4. What problems do you anticipate? How could the problems be solved?
5. What resources will you need? (Include mentor/coach, materials, etc.)
6. Develop a timeline for implementing your plan.
7. How will you evaluate your success?

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