Group Work Dynamics

How this works:

I will be breaking up the class into groups of four. You will be responsible for each other, and need to help each other throughout the semester. Group roles are as follows:

GATEKEEPER: This is the group leader. Responsible for keeping the group on task and making sure that everyone is contributing. This person will speak for the group in question/answer sessions, will go to the board to represent group work, etc.

RECORDER: This person takes notes of learning and action taking place in the group. Document questions, answers, and write the group summary at the end of the class.

TIMEKEEPER: This person makes sure that the group is finishing any group discussions or problem solving in the time that is permitted.

CHECKER: This person fills out the group attendance sheet, hands in the group folder at the end of class and makes sure that the folder is neat, in order, and legible.

Group roles change from week to week. So everyone will have a chance to participate in each role throughout the semester.

Group Points

You will earn group points in the following manner: (Remember all points impact your class ranking)

1. Group Quizzes: There are 6 Group Quizzes scheduled this semester. Group quiz weeks are the weeks of Sept. 8, Sept. 22, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Nov. 17, and Dec. 1. Your whole group will be required to meet with me in my office to take a group quiz. There will be four parts to this quiz, each person in your group will be responsible for completing one part followed by group discussion. It is work 40 points.

2. HW/Notes Check: Each week, I will randomly ask a member from each group to turn in his/her HW and class notes. This could happen any day of the week and for any group member. I am looking for good organization, neatness, completeness, and overall correctness. Each week will be worth 10 points. The whole group gets the same grade as the individual who turned in the work. I recommend that you make your notes/HW portable so that you can turn it in. I also recommend that you keep your notes separate from your notes.

3. Individual Attendance: 0-3 absences (50 pts) B) 4 absences (40 pts) C) 5 absences (30 pts) D) 6 absences (20 pts). E) 7 absences (10 pts). No points if more than 7 absences. These points work like extra credit.

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Typical class day:

© 5—10 minutes: Group work. HW, questions, preview, prep, etc.
© 30—35 minutes: Lecture mixed in with group work and in class discussions.
© 5 minute: Ticket out, summarize and record group work and/or questions from the class period.

Collaborative Learning Techniques

Ticket In
Ticket Out
Think-Pair-Share
Peer Editing
Case Study