

# Student Grouping Graphic Organizer

## Small Group Learning

Responsive Classroom Middle School Course Resource Book reference pages: 165–169

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You may have done small group work in your classroom in the past, and it may have been a success. This small grouping strategy can help you as you think about grouping strategies you would like to use in the future to continue building on that success.

**Topic:**



**Learning objective for the lesson:**



**What developmental characteristics will you need to consider for this lesson when grouping your students?**



**Number of students: (refer to RB page 167 to make grouping)**



**Type of grouping: (check one)**

Random

Mixed Ability

Similar Ability

Mixed Interest

Similar Interest

Self-Selected

**Why have you chosen this type of grouping?**



**How does this type of grouping support the lesson?**

**Will there be any materials?**

**If so, are they accessible to students?**

**List materials:**

List possible discussion questions to keep students' conversations going and support their learning objective. \*Post questions at each table or place them in a slide show presentation to keep the conversation going.\*

Have students assign roles and responsibilities. Post an anchor chart with role descriptions so that all students know their responsibilities (see below).

## Small Group Learning Roles

### Facilitator

- Keeps the group focused on the task at hand
- Works collaboratively, leads discussions, and ensures all voices are heard

### Recorder/Note-Taker

- Keeps records of the group's ideas and progress
- Shares notes with the group to ensure all ideas are captured correctly
- Uses various note-taking strategies (charts, graphs, bulleted lists, etc.)

### Summarizer (or could be assigned to all group members)

- Uses notes to check for clarity with the group
- Restates responses and conclusions
- Creates an accurate summary of the group's work

### Presenter

- Asks for suggestions from the group when preparing the presentation
- Presents the group's finished work

### Materials Manager

- Gets needed materials and resources
- Knows how to use materials and resources effectively and safely
- Puts away materials and resources