

## **Three Circles Design Activity**

What conversation is this code a part of?







## Goal

To come up with a unit premise that considers students' language practices and conversations in communities, disciplines, and computing





## **Activity Directions**



This activity is best done with a group of 3-6 people.

- 1. Go to one of the slides following this directions slide
- 2. Select one person or team working on the same unit design to be the "client." Other group members are "consultants."
- 3. Select a note-taker from among the consultants, and a facilitator to move the protocol along.
- 4. The client(s) should take 3 mins or so to share about:
  - a. Their students' language practices / interests / backgrounds / funds of knowledge
  - b. Real-world conversations they'd want to foster with students
  - c. Computing conversations they'd want to foster with students
  - d. Disciplinary content and practices they'd like to focus on (in CS and other subjects)
- 5. As the client speaks, the notetaker should jot the clients' ideas down on separate "sticky notes" on the last slide of this deck. Feel free to copy/paste more sticky-notes!





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- 6. Together, drag ideas around on the Three Circles chart and decide how to categorize them. Are the ideas clustering in any one spot over others?
- 7. After the client speaks, consultants take 3 mins to jot down their own ideas on sticky-notes. Focus on ways to help the client...
  - a. bring ideas closer to the overlap of the three circles
  - b. build on students' interests and resources
- 8. Consultants can take 3-5 minutes to verbally elaborate on their ideas, and move them to spots on the chart that make sense.
- 9. Client(s) can take 3-5 to share about which ideas speak most to them, and which they'd like to explore further.









