

Kagan Strategy: Line-Ups*

Steps for the Strategy

1. Name a topic which creates an imaginary continuum with defined ends considered “beginning and end” or “lowest and highest”. An alternate approach is to give students cards, which they use to determine the line-up.
2. Students line up in order.
3. Give the students a discussion topic or question.
4. Students turn to a partner next to them to discuss the topic or question. Timed Pair Share is a strategy, which could enhance this portion of the line up.

Management Tips

1. Provide students with time to think of their answers.
2. Have students bring paper and pencil with them if the question or the topic requires some scratch work.
3. This structure works best with questions or topics with short answers or problems which require only a few steps for solution.

Social Skills

1. Greeting someone.
2. Asking for help.
3. Giving and accepting praise
4. Appropriate noise level
5. Giving and accepting constructive criticism

*Based on various materials available from Kagan Publishing.