

RTC Faculty Focus

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Cooperative and Collaborative Peer Learning



Librarian **Laura Staley** found these websites on cooperative and collaborative learning:

Collaborative Learning: Group Work and Study Teams An excellent description of collaborative learning; what it is, how it works, and how to incorporate it into your class. From the University of California, Berkeley. <http://teaching.berkeley.edu/bgd/collaborative.html>

Successful Learning: Peer Learning This short page looks at more ways – Buzz groups, Solution and Critic groups - to include peer learning activities in the classroom. From the Center for development of Teaching and Learning in Singapore. <http://www.cdtl.nus.edu.sg/success/sl37.htm>

Issues to Consider and Decisions to Make When Using Cooperative or Collaborative Assignments How do you decide if the group work assignment you are considering is the best way to teach something? This page offers a short but comprehensive list of questions to consider. From Illinois State University. <http://www.cat.ilstu.edu/resources/teachTopics/tips/cooplssues.php>

Writing Learning Objectives and Test Questions

MART instructor **Paul Baeder** sent this PDF file along: **Bloom's Taxonomy: Sample Task Prompts and Digital Tools** found at <http://tinyurl.com/yzt288w>. The file is from Dr. Francine Glazer at the New York Institute of Technology and includes lists of verbs for each level in Bloom's Taxonomy with sample learning objectives and test questions. Also includes possible digital tools for each level. These are helpful in moving students from the basic memorization skills found at the lower level of Bloom's to the higher cognitive task levels.

Free Film Clips and Videos on the Web

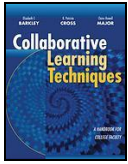
There are lots of sources of free film clips and videos on the web that can be used to demonstrate an important point in class. Here are just a few:

- **Film Board of Canada** <http://www.nfb.ca>
- **MonkeySee** <http://www.monkeysee.com>
- **MovieClips** <http://movieclips.com/>
- **TeacherTube** <http://www.teachertube.com/>
- **WatchKnow** <http://www.watchknow.org/>
- **YouTube EDU** <http://www.youtube.com/edu>

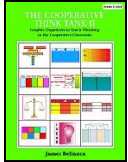


RTC Library Materials on Cooperative and Collaborative Peer Learning

Call the RTC Library at ext. 2331 or visit <http://rtc.edu/library> for more info about materials on this topic.



Barkley, Elizabeth F. *Collaborative Learning Techniques: a Handbook for College Faculty*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, c2005. RTC Library call number: **378.12 BARKLEY 2005**



Bellanca, James A. *The Cooperative Think Tank II: Graphic Organizers to Teach Thinking in the Cooperative Classroom*. Palatine, IL: Skylight, c1992. RTC Library call number: **371.36 BELLANC 1992**



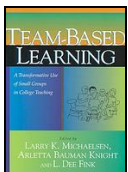
Cooperative Learning. Scottsdale, AZ: Teacher's Video Co., [199-?]. VHS video. RTC Library call number: **Media 371.36 COOPERA 1999L**



Handbook of Cooperative Learning Methods. Westport, CT: Praeger, c1999. RTC Library call number: **371.395 HANDBOO 1999c**



Palloff, Rena M. *Collaborating Online: Learning Together in Community*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, c2005. RTC Library call number: **371.3950285 PALLOFF 2005**



Michaelsen, Larry K., Arletta Bauman Knight, and L. Dee Fink. *Team-Based Learning: A Transformative Use of Small Groups in College Teaching*. Sterling, VA: Stylus Pub, 2004. RTC Library call number: **378.1795 TEAM-B 2002L**

We Need Your Contributions and Suggestions!

In the upcoming months we plan to feature info about **assessment, testing, grading, dealing with student problems** and **classroom management**. Please contact newsletter editor, [Debbie Crumb](#), with your tips, great websites and suggestions. To access past issues, go to the Library's website at <http://rtc.edu/library>, click on **Services and Information**, then **Library Publications**, then **Recent issues published by RTC Library**, and finally on the desired format (**PDF** or **Word**).



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