

## Making Meaning Routine

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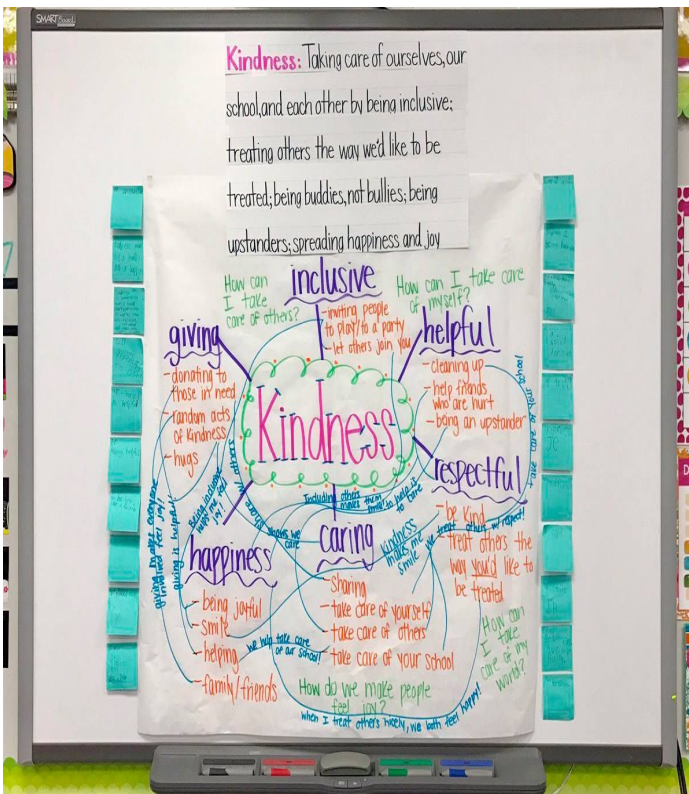
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A routine for constructing collective meaning of words, ideas, concepts, or events.

A word, concept, or event is identified as the focus for this routine. Groups then work through each of the following prompts, recording their responses on chart paper to make collective meaning.

- ❑ Taking turns, each person **responds** to the chosen focus with a single word. Each person's word must be unique so that it adds to the collective meaning.
- ❑ Each person **adds on** to someone else's word with an additional word or phrase so as to elaborate in some way.
- ❑ Each person **records** a question that arises about the topic of focus based on what is emerging.
- ❑ Based on the group's "Making Meaning discussion" on chart paper, each individual now **writes their own definition** of the word, topic, concept, or event being explored.

Examples:



Great for deepening understanding of concept and making critical thinking visible. Discussions are rich.