

Protocols from 'Artful Thinking' (Harvard's Project Zero, 2006)

1. 'Think-Puzzle-Explore' (p. 27)
 - a. What do you think you know about this project?
 - b. What questions or puzzles do you have?
 - c. What does this project make you want to explore?

2. 'Elaboration Game' (p. 30)
 - a. As a group, observe and describe several different sections of a project
 - b. One person identifies a specific section of the artwork and describes what he or she sees. Another person elaborates on the first person's observations by adding more detail about the section. A third person elaborates further by adding yet more detail
 - i. Observers: Only describe what you see. Hold off giving your ideas about the project until the last step of the routine
 - b. After [three] people have described a section in detail, someone else identifies a new section of the project and the process starts over
 - c. After the product and process has been fully described, as a group, discuss some of your ideas about it. For example, what do you think is going on? (and what did you observe that makes you say that?)
 - d. Helpful definitions
 - i. Observe: Describe how something appears
 - ii. Elaborate: Expand on something in detail
 - iii. Interpret: Explain what something means

3. 'Creative Questions' (p. 28)
 - a. Why...?
 - b. What are the reasons...?
 - c. What if...?
 - d. What is the purpose of...?
 - e. How would it be different if...?
 - f. Suppose that...?
 - g. What if we knew...?
 - h. What would change if...?
 - i. What new ideas do you have about the project that you didn't have before?

4. Headlines (p. 37)
 - a. If you were to write a headline for this topic or issue right now that captured the most important aspect that should be remembered, what would that headline be?
 - b. How has your headline changed based on today's discussion? How does it differ from what you would have said yesterday?

References

Artful thinking: Stronger thinking and learning through the power of art. (2006).
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