

## THINK, PAIR, SHARE

**Purpose:** To help students to think about what they are learning, and phrase it in ways that can be shared with other students. This activity supports relationship building and offers another opportunity for formative assessment for the teacher.

### Steps for Getting It Done:

- Assign a reading or problem to the class. Inform students that they will have a specific amount of time to think about it and will then pair up with another student to share their ideas about its meaning, or how the problem is solved.
- Using the table on the next page as a template, post a chart in front of the class with prompts for students to use in their paired discussion.
- Walk through the class during the discussion time and listen to the conversations as students share their ideas.
- If time permits, schedule frequent opportunities for students to think, pair, and share their understandings and ideas with a partner.

## *Think, Pair, Share Ideas*

At the beginning I started to think about...

As I worked, I began to wonder about...

I got confused when...

I learned...

One question I have is...

I always knew about...

I want to know more about...