



Strategy Tool: Cooperative Learning
Creating Cooperative Learning Groups

Unit: _____ **Lesson:** _____

Objective: _____

Activity or Assignment: _____

Expectations for Completion of Activity: Clearly write out the steps for the completion of the activity or assignment. Include the time students will be given to complete their task.

Expectations for Student Behavior: Clearly write out the behaviors you should see from students while in their groups during this activity or assignment.

Step 1 Choose the appropriate group size for the activity. Based on the number of total students you have, determine the number of groups you will end up with.
Groups should have 2-6 students each.

Group Size: _____

Number of Groups: _____

Step 2 Determine what roles would be most appropriate, if applicable, to the activity or assignment. When assigning group member roles, consider the strengths of the various members as well as roles that students have or have not had an opportunity to attempt previously.



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Group	Group Members	Role

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Step 3 Provide students with the **Group Work Self-Assessment** form. Use it to determine how you can make your groups more effective next time.



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Name: _____ Role: _____ Group Number: _____

Way(s) I helped my group the most:

Way(s) I helped my group the least:

What I liked best about my group:

What I liked least about my group:

My group WAS / WAS NOT (*circle one*) effective because:

Something else I want you to know about the group work: