

## WHAT IS IT?

This article from ASCD, by Jeff Zwiers, provides strategies for moving beyond “popcorn” discussions to more substantial and deep dialogues. The purpose of the article is to support teachers and students with classroom discussions by improving use of discussion skills, tools and mindsets. The article provides information for supporting core discussion skills in students; ideas to develop our teacher skills for providing deeper classroom discussions and provides discussion enhancing tools.

## IMPACT?

Providing opportunities for students to dialogue during their learning is critical to their learning process; allowing them to not only share, but also build on each other’s ideas supports deepening their understanding of the content. Learning how to think, create and express one’s ideas will guide students in engaging with deeper discussions, which will not only enhance their understanding of the content, but also be a life skill they can take with them beyond their classroom experiences.



## TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS RESOURCE:

[ASCD: Moving Beyond Popcorn Discussions](#)

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