



Activity 5. Why We Teach

Shared Responsibility for
Successful Students

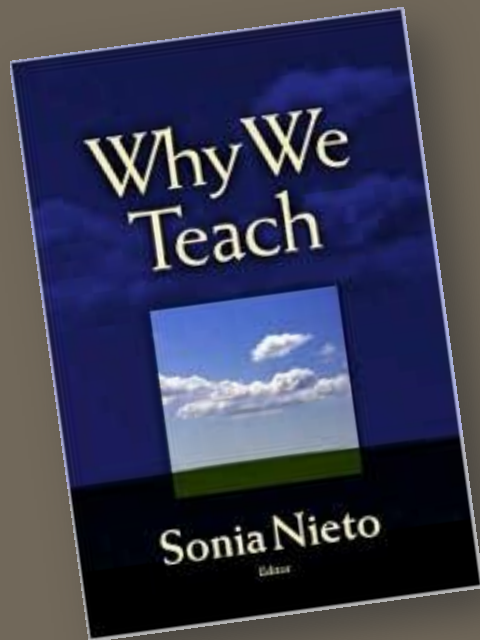


Description

Small group discussion

reconnects participants to the reasons for teaching

Helps participants identify the characteristics of effective teachers



Goal:

Reconnect with our reasons for teaching.

Collaboratively discuss the supports and skills that will continue to nurture our own passion for teaching.

On Your Own

Why did you choose to become a teacher?

Are those reasons still intact? Have you found new reasons for teaching?

How do your reasons for teaching support the changing realities of the schoolhouse, such as changing demographics, higher standards, the goal of closing the achievement gap, more challenging pathways to post-school success for many students, and so on?

As schools become more engaged in social justice and equity for all students, how do your personal reasons for teaching support these goals?

Debrief

As groups, debrief your responses to the first four questions, but share only that information that is comfortable for you



Final Two Questions...

What must teachers commit to personally in order to meet these challenges?

Question 1.

What support or supports do you need from your campus leadership to meet these challenges for equity for all students?

Question 2.