

“Check, Please!” Protocol

Team Members: _____

Today’s Leader: _____

Overview:

- You and your team Members will engage in a dialogue around your responses on the task that you each completed independently.
 - The goal is to compare your responses and resolve any differences you have by talking through how you went about [solving the problem, resolving the issue, making sense of the text], and why.
1. FIRST: Has everyone in your group **completed** the task.
 - YES (Go on to step 2.)
 - NO (Kindly ask the person to let the teacher know.)
 2. Begin with the first [question, part, problem]. Does everyone have the same response?
 - If YES, go on to the next [question, part, problem].
 - If NO...
 - Do **NOT** assume that one person is wrong and everyone else is right! Challenge each other!
 - Talk through your response! Have each person share how he/she arrived at their conclusion/solution.
 - If you still don’t agree, use your resources (e.g., whiteboards, texts, notes, blank paper) to have one person walk through the thinking behind their responses for everyone as the group talks it out.
 - It’s EVERYONE’S responsibility to make sure that your group arrives at consensus—even if you agree that you don’t know, aren’t sure, or disagree!
 3. Use the same process for each [question, part, problem].
 4. **Complete this step only if directed to do so by your teacher!** Check your answers with the [key, model, exemplar] provided. If your team’s response differs from that on the [key, model, exemplar], determine why and how you differ. IF you feel that your team’s response is actually *more* on target than that in the [key, model, exemplar],, include a defense/explanation of your reasoning.
 5. When you’re finished, staple all the responses together. **MAKE SURE THAT THE VERSION THAT REPRESENTS YOUR GROUP’S CONSENSUS IS ON TOP!**

Consensus Check:

- We reached consensus on all [questions, parts, problems].
- We did not reach consensus on the following: _____

Here’s why: