

Staff Circles

Choose a fun or meaningful talking piece.

Create a centerpiece of objects o place in the center of circle. The centerpiece can represent a theme, can tell a story about an event, can tell a story about a person (for me, my centerpiece the first few times I met with a group tells a tory of who I am.)

Go over your circle guidelines. My first guideline always has to do with respecting the talking piece as it is passed around. I often include a guideline about respecting confidentiality as well as one about speaking from the heart. It is either up to the facilitator or the group to set these.

Questions → Circle # ↓	SHALLOW QUESTION	SHALLOW QUESTION	MIDDLE QUESTION	MIDDLE QUESTION	SHALLOW QUESTION
1	What was the last thing you listened to as you got out of your car this morning?	What television family would you fit the best?	Who was an educator that positively influenced your life and one reason/way why?	What is something about you that would surprise many of the people that know you?	What's for dinner tonight?!
2	One website I visit regularly is...	What was the last book you read?	What's a memory you would love to relive?	If you asked your friend to describe you in three words, what would they say?	What movie needs a sequel?
3	Black pens or blue pens?	What is the furthest place you have been from home?	What is your WHY for becoming an educator?	Who is your biggest cheerleader?	The perfect morning beverage is...
4	What are two things you cannot leave home without?	What was the last concert you attended?	If you got a tattoo tonight, what would it be of?	Tell us about a time someone did something nice for you.	What is something you are looking forward to in the upcoming weeks?
5	My favorite game to play is...	What was your first car/vehicle?	What is one bit of advice that you would give your 18-year-old self?	What gives you hope for the future?	What is a song you know all the words to?