

## Final Word Protocol

(This exercise is adapted from the Los Angeles Annenberg Metropolitan Project. It's a good way to facilitate deeper reflection, analysis and understanding in a limited period of time.)

The exercise works best by working in groups of four. Someone needs not only to participate but also to keep track of time (the time keeper should be different to the person who begins the round).

Start by each person selecting one aspect of the reading which for him or her is **significant**.

The procedure:

1. One person begins by explaining the significance of his or her quote or selection from the reading. (Three minutes.)
2. After this person is finished, each other member of the group comments on the **same quote or section**. You may choose to respond to what the first person has said or to speak to the quote or section in any other way that extends the group's understanding. (Two minutes each).
3. The person who started then has the Final Word in which to respond to what the others have said (Two minutes.)

The next round then begins, with the next person explaining the significance of his or her quote or selection.