

# Group Résumé

## Purpose

**Group Résumé** is an effective strategy for beginning table group engagement, either at the start of a session or after regrouping. The short time frame and need for collaboration create high engagement and focused social energy.

## Intention

This strategy sparks conversation and prepares a newly formed group for more complex and potentially more challenging work. Team reports give the whole group an idea of who is in the room.

## Logistics

### Materials and Preparation

Chart paper and felt-tip markers

PowerPoint® direction slides

### Time

Approximately 15 minutes

**Grouping:** 4–6



## Instructions to Group Leader

1. Explain that the table group task is to create a résumé for the group, including various categories of information, as follows:

### GROUP NAME OR TITLE

Background

Interests/Hobbies

Some things you might guess about us

Some things that might surprise you

Signatures

2. After a designated amount of time, have each group share highlights from their résumé.

## Tips

Give teams a time cue before they organize their report and have them identify a reporter or mode of reporting.

Keep timeframes tight and use a public timer to keep groups focused on task completion.

## Variation

Ask table groups to generate information related to the topic (e.g., things we agree with, disagree with, have applied).

## Example

### Group Résumé

Experienced K-12, with an emphasis in Spec Ed, L.A. & Science Ed

Music, birdwatching, photography, hiking

Travel widely, avid readers

Have had physical contact with 3 species of marine mammals

*Laura, Bruce, Tanesha, Raul, Maria*