

# College Spark

## Successful Transitions to College (STC)

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Winter Network Convening  
February 6, 2016

# Successful Transitions to College: Networked for Student Success



A word cloud featuring various educational institutions. The words are arranged in a cluster, with 'Spokane' and 'University' being the largest. Other prominent words include 'Schools', 'Community-College', 'DeerPark', 'Valley', 'Washington West', 'Eastern', 'Lind-Ritzville', 'Columbia', 'Mead', 'Cheney College', 'Spokane-Falls', and 'CCS'. The colors of the words vary, including shades of orange, green, yellow, and purple.

DeerPark CCS Spokane  
Spokane-Falls Community-College  
Valley University Cheney  
Washington West College  
Eastern Schools  
Lind-Ritzville Mead  
Columbia

# Goals for the day

- Present the outcomes of implementing your tool and receive feedback.
- Learn from other cohorts.
- Use work time to reflect, refine, and plan to share your learning to a wider audience.
- Plan next steps for learning from this process.



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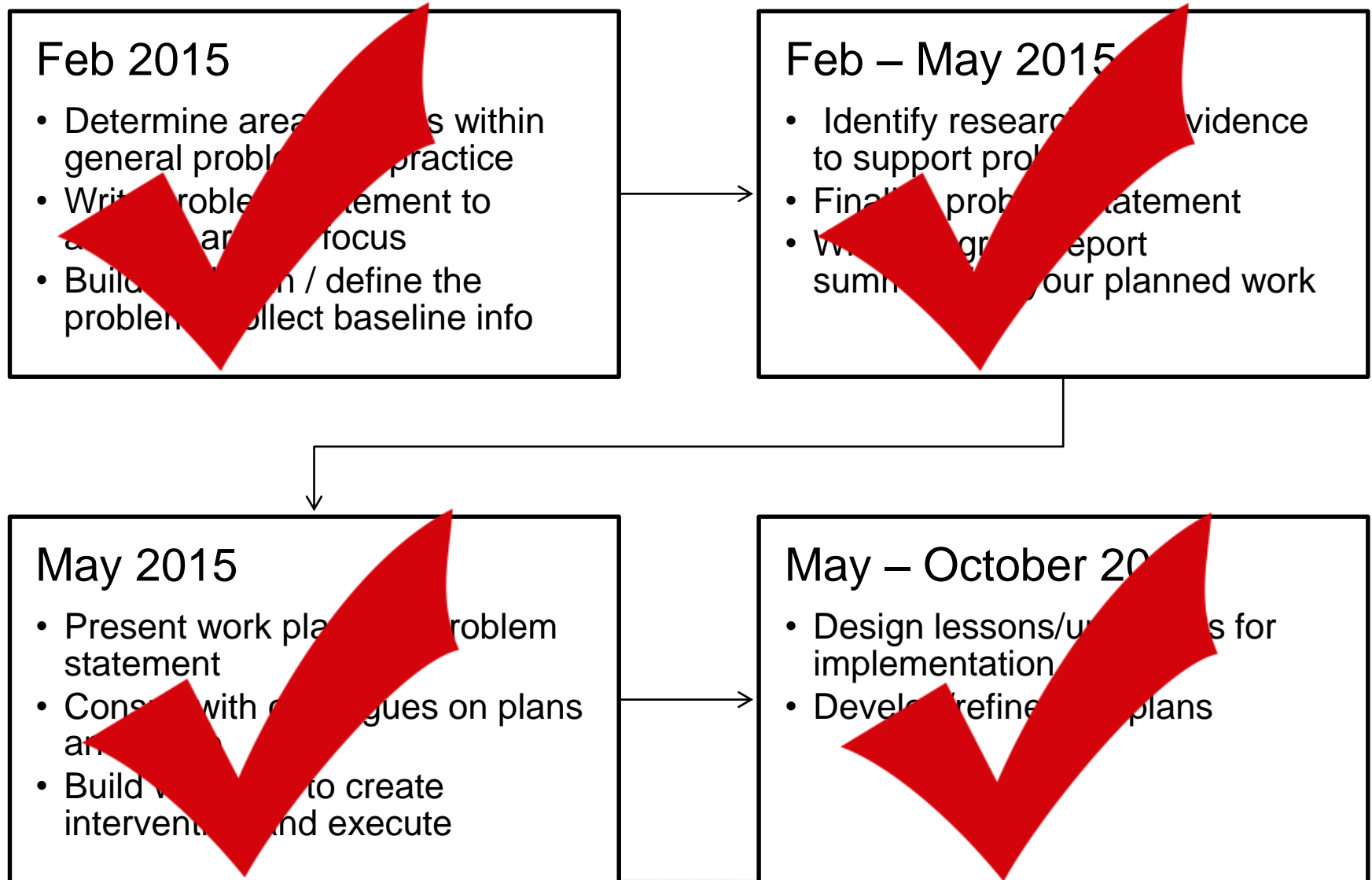
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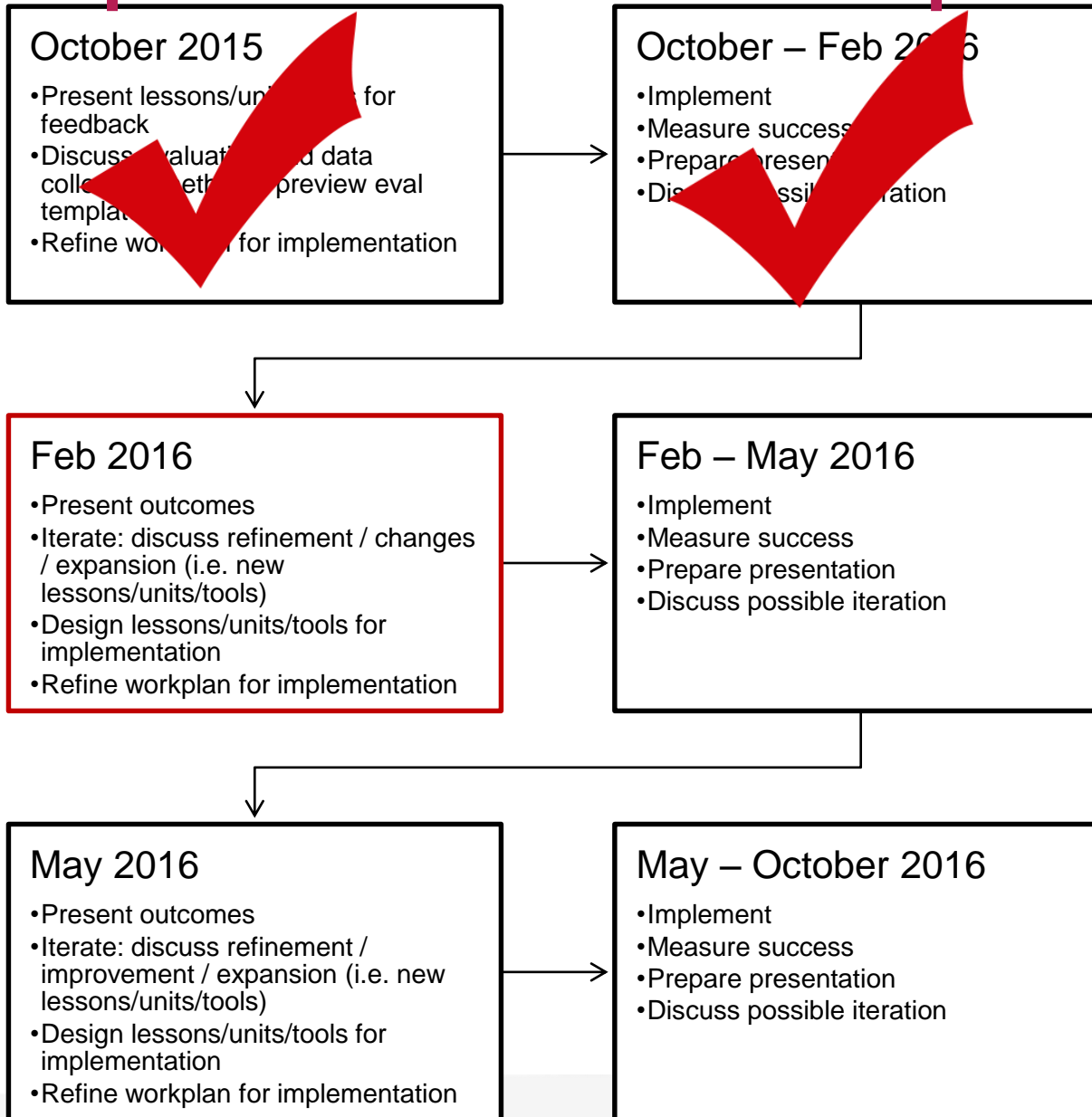
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Wrap-up.

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## Feb 2016

- Present outcomes
- Iterate: discuss refinement / changes / expansion (i.e. new lessons/units/tools)
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## Feb – May 2016

- Implement
- Measure success
- Prepare presentation
- Discuss possible iteration

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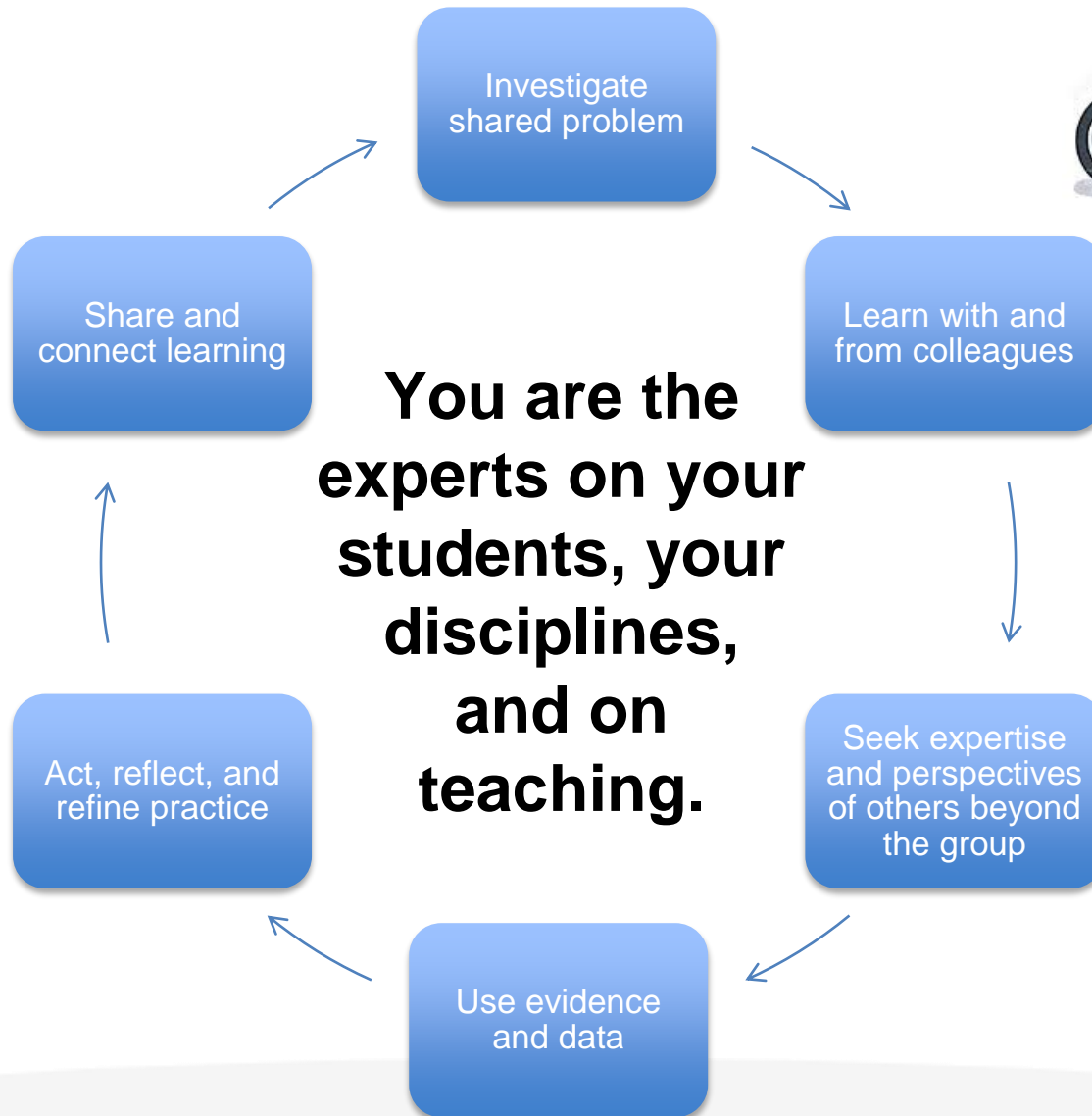
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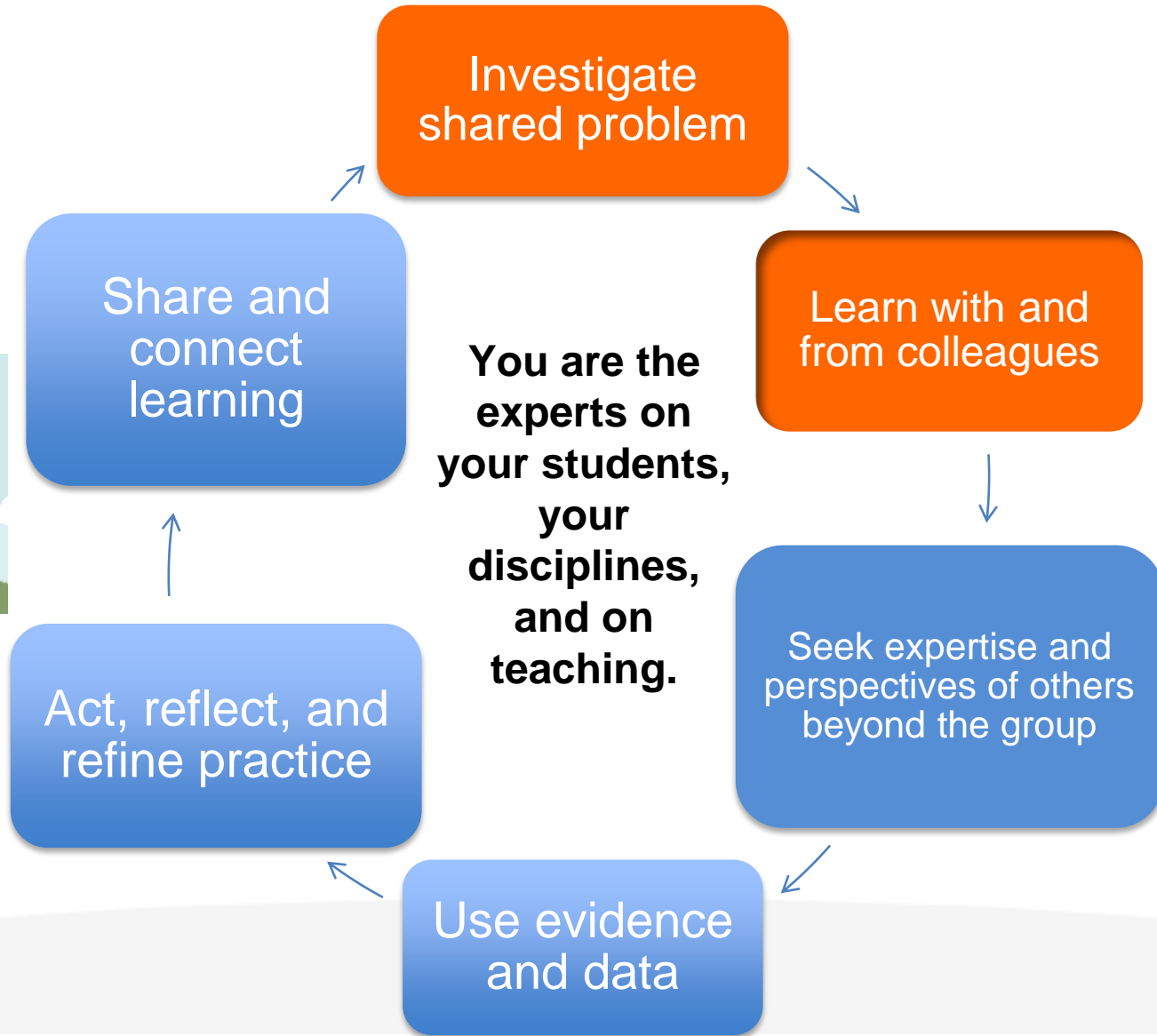
- Think quietly for at least two minutes and jot down your ideas:
  - ***What do you mean when you think of “inquiry learning?”***
  - ***What is the essence of learning through inquiry?***
- Discuss in your group and agree on your answers. Enter your cohorts ideas at:
- <http://padlet.com/jcoomes/rjebrbcu7u9>

# Cycle of Inquiry



Discuss in your group what you think were the important aspects of the first parts of the cycle.

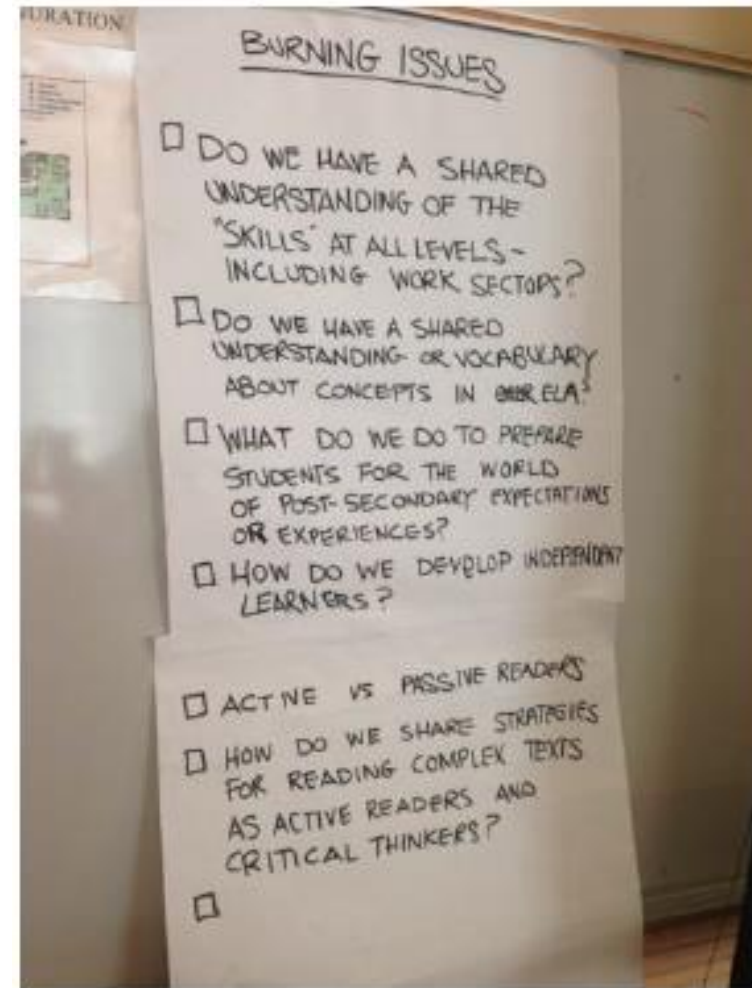
Why did we organize things the way we did?



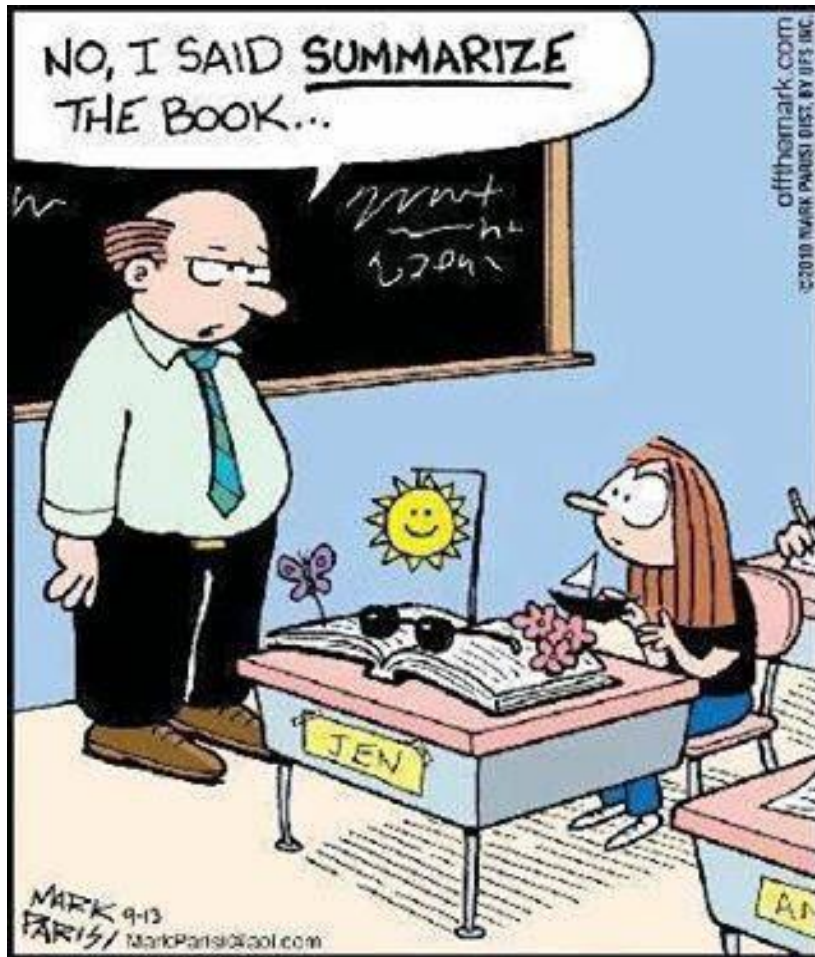
# Explored Problems of Practice

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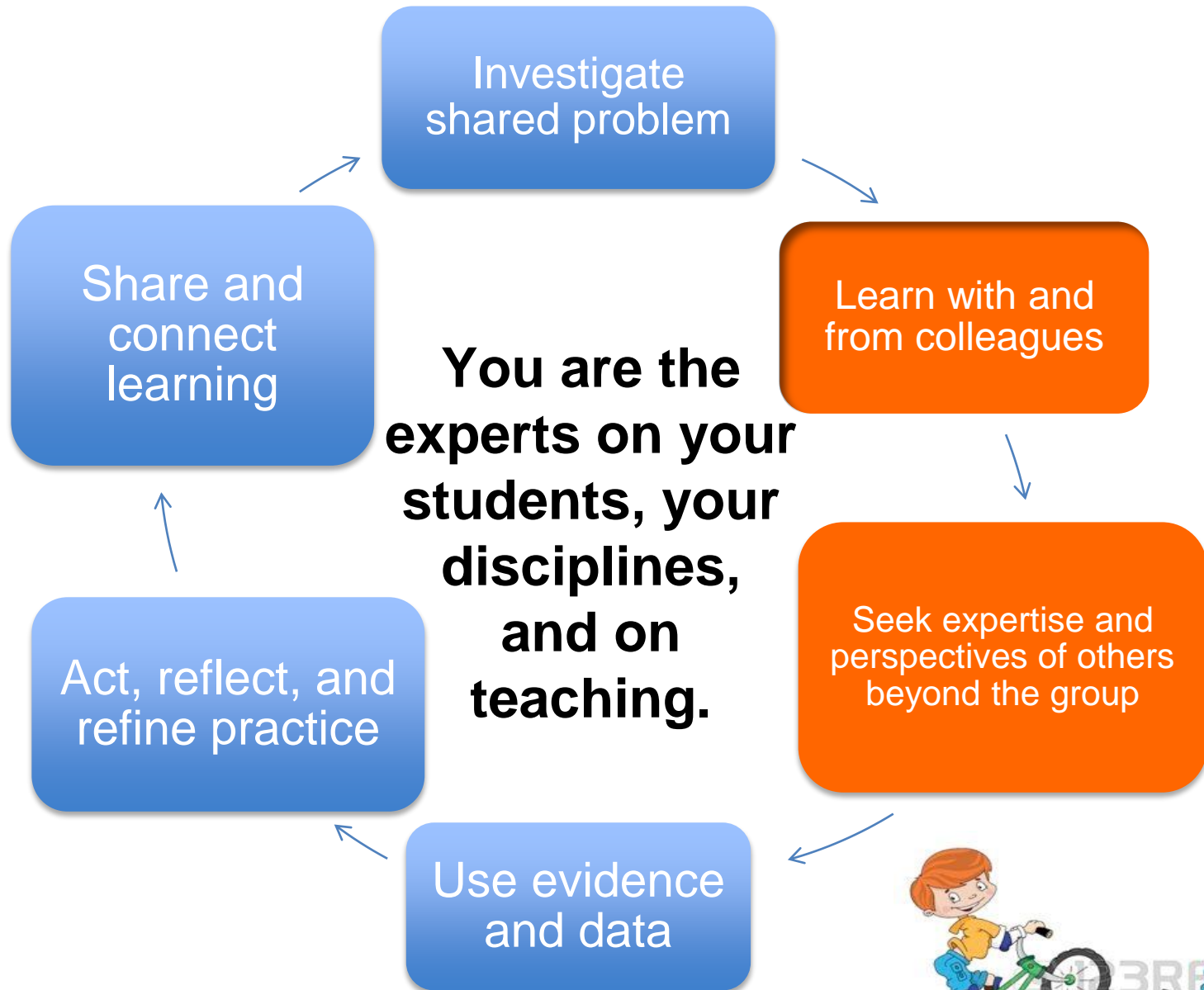
- Focused on the CCSS Portraits and Standards for Mathematical Practices.
- Observed each others' students.
- Brainstormed and shared ideas, then...
- **then finally, ...**



# Identified a Specific Problem of Practice



- Get students to use appropriate resources other than the teacher without prompt.
- Foster independent learning and critical thinking.
- Improve ability to read for content and think critically about what they read.



Investigate  
shared problem

Share and  
connect  
learning

Learn with and  
from colleagues

**You are the  
experts on  
your students,  
your  
disciplines,  
and on  
teaching.**

Seek expertise and  
perspectives of others  
beyond the group

Act, reflect, and  
refine practice

Use evidence  
and data





# Use Evidence and Data



## Summary of Data Analysis Strategies

<i>Research Type</i>	<i>Types of Data</i>	<i>Data Analysis</i>
Descriptive	Data are in the form of text, audio, video, or numbers (see the next four types of types of descriptive data)	Narrative analysis Rubric analysis Computing descriptive statistics
Case Study	Data are in the form of text, audio, or video. Data include open- and closed-ended responses, questionnaires, records, excerpts, quotations, correspondence, official reports, and surveys	Narrative analysis
Observation	Data are in the form of text, audio, or video. Data include detailed description of activities, participant behaviors, and human interactions	Narrative analysis Computing descriptive statistics



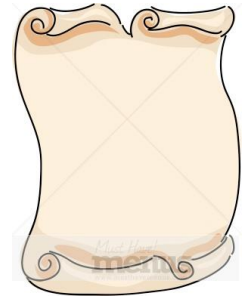


# Act, Reflect, and Refine Practice

- **Act:** What? Your tool implementation, including data collection and analysis
- **Reflect:** So what? Questions on Worksheet
- **Refine:** Now what? Questions on Worksheet



# Share Work and Connect Learning



*Knowledge products from this type of professional learning consist of shared ideas that can be treated as public objects that can be jointly constructed, stored, and improved.* (Heibert)

How will you draft your item for the toolkit so that it is ready for others to use?

# Throughout the Day...

As you listen to others' presentations today, make connections among the work being done by others and your own work.

What could we learn as a large group?



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# Presentations

Using the presentation template your cohort created, please share: a brief overview of your problem of practice, toolkit item, and summary of your implementation.

After providing your brief summary, share your cohort's analysis of your implementation to date, student involvement, and what your cohort is considering as a next step.

Feel free to request feedback from the broader group surrounding your cohort's specific needs/challenges.

## **Group Assignments**

ELA A, ELA F, ELA D, Algebra A, Calc B, Algebra B – Room 201

ELA E, ELA C, ELA B, Geometry, Calc A, Pre-Calc – Room 203

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Your cohort will have seventy five minutes to work together to reflect and refine on your process and implementation to date. The cohort worksheet was created to help facilitate your group discussions.

At the end of your work time, please plan to turn in one completed worksheet per cohort. Also, have discussed/begun planning what your cohort will try next.



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# Group Discussion

- Challenges or roadblocks?
- Opportunities for improvement?
- Questions about the process?
- What are we learning so far?

# Next Steps: February to May

- At the May meeting cohorts should be prepared to share:
  - Refined work plan for implementation of the toolkit item based on previous outcomes.
  - Results of the refined implementation (what happened when implemented this time).
  - How was success measured?
  - Are further iterations necessary? Or is the toolkit item ready for completion?
    - If ready for completion, begin brainstorming possible approaches for packaging/disseminating this specific item.
    - If further iterations are necessary, begin brainstorming next steps.

# Next Meeting Dates

- Please plan to meet with your cohort *at least* twice in person, by phone, or electronically (Canvas web conference options are available for all cohorts)
- Spring meeting: May 21, 2016

# Plus / Delta: Commit to Adjust & Improve

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# Closing Thoughts & Thanks

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