Inside-Outside Circles

• You divide the class into two equal groups. One forms a circle in the middle of the classroom. The second group then forms a circle around this so that they are face-to-face. The teacher provides a question or a topic and the person in the inside circle talks about what she knows about this for the allotted time. The teacher then tells they to switch, and the person in the outer circle gets his chance. Then the teacher asks the outer circle to rotate one spot to the right, and with a new partner they discuss another question/topic. The teacher moves around the room during this process and notes which students seem to know what they are talking about or can talk about it at great length.



