

Luma Connections #45: Research-Based Discussions

Teaching Tool: LumaLive®

This is Luma's synchronous or same time meeting tool. This online tool allows learners to interact with each other to explore a topic and to discuss key concepts, share experiences, interact with each other, and to ask questions in real time. Interactions are in real-time and can be mentor-learner, learner-to-content, learner-to-self, and learner-to-learner.



Tip: Research-Based Discussions

Constructivist learning is a theory of learning in which learners construct their understanding of a concept through exploration, such as research. Consider conducting research-based discussions to help learners find the information versus telling them.

Here are some ideas for integrating learner research into online discussions.

- **Debate it.** Have learners research and defend evidence in a friendly debate.
- **Jigsaw it.** Have learners research different aspects of a topic. You can have multiple learners research the same element and compare and combine their research to present it to the class.
- **Teach it.** Have learners share their topic-related research with the class. Challenge learners to present their research to help their peers understand and remember the information. This can be used with the Jigsaw approach.
- **Find the answer.** If a learner asks a content related question. Have learners research the answer to a content-related question and then confirm the answer versus provide it.



Tip: When having learners conduct research, create research questions or have learners generate research questions. Questions guide and focus research more clearly than broad topics.

