

Beyond the Textbook: Book Clubs as Engaged Learning Communities

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What's Truly Inspiring

- It reframes the classroom as a community
- It bridges theory and real life
- It builds critical, transferable skills—engagement matters
- Student Agency—Semester long commitment

Extending the Conversation

- **From a practical, implementation standing point:**
 - Balance between Motivation and Seriousness
i.e., Intrinsic vs. Extrinsic Motivation
 - Structuring for Equity Within Group-Based Learning
i.e., free-riding, effort mismatch

Extending the Conversation

- **From Research Standing Point: Outcome Evaluation**
 - Planned measure: reflection, course evaluation, questionnaire about experience, focus group)
 - Add cognitive measures and academic measures
 - Cognitive measures: demonstrate deeper understanding, critical thinking
 - Performance/Academic Measure: improved score compare with the benchmark