

Reader Reflection: Determining Whether It's Time for a Conversation

Note: This activity assumes you've been in class with a set of students long enough to know their names. If that's not the case for you right now, come back to this later.

Choose one of your class periods for this exercise. Then, close your eyes and imagine the students in this class. Make a list of all their names.

Next, compare your list with your class roster. Did you remember everyone? If not, perhaps it's been a while since you met with certain students one-on-one, and it's time to do so.

Next, make a note next to each student's name, detailing any or all of the following: (a) something personal you know about the student, (b) a reading or writing goal the student is working toward, or (c) a book title you think the student might enjoy.