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## Group Work – Communication

One aspect of the Communication Core Competency, according to the Ministry of Education, is to “Collaborate to plan, carry out, and review constructions and activities” within a group.

Everyone comes to group work with their own strengths and their own challenges. Where you are at is totally, 100% okay. What is important, though, is to recognize where you are and then make a plan as to how to progress forward, rather than remain static or regress. This requires honest and thoughtful self-assessment.

I’d like you to think about where you are at, at this moment in time, in relation to that ideal expressed in paragraph one.

Rather than think about what you can’t do, think about what you **can** do, at this moment in time.

With that in mind, construct an “I can...” statement.

Here are some examples:

- ◆ I can work with others to achieve a common goal; I do my share.
- ◆ I can take on roles and responsibilities in a group.
- ◆ I can summarize key ideas and identify the ways we agree (commonalities).

What are you doing well right now? Write your own:

I can...

Now, what is your next step? Think about where we are headed with our Science observation experiments and the Civilization V project. In relation to group work, where would you like to be by the end of those projects? What is your goal for yourself and what can you do to achieve that goal?

Next step:

What I can do to achieve my goal: