GROUPING BEST PRACTICES

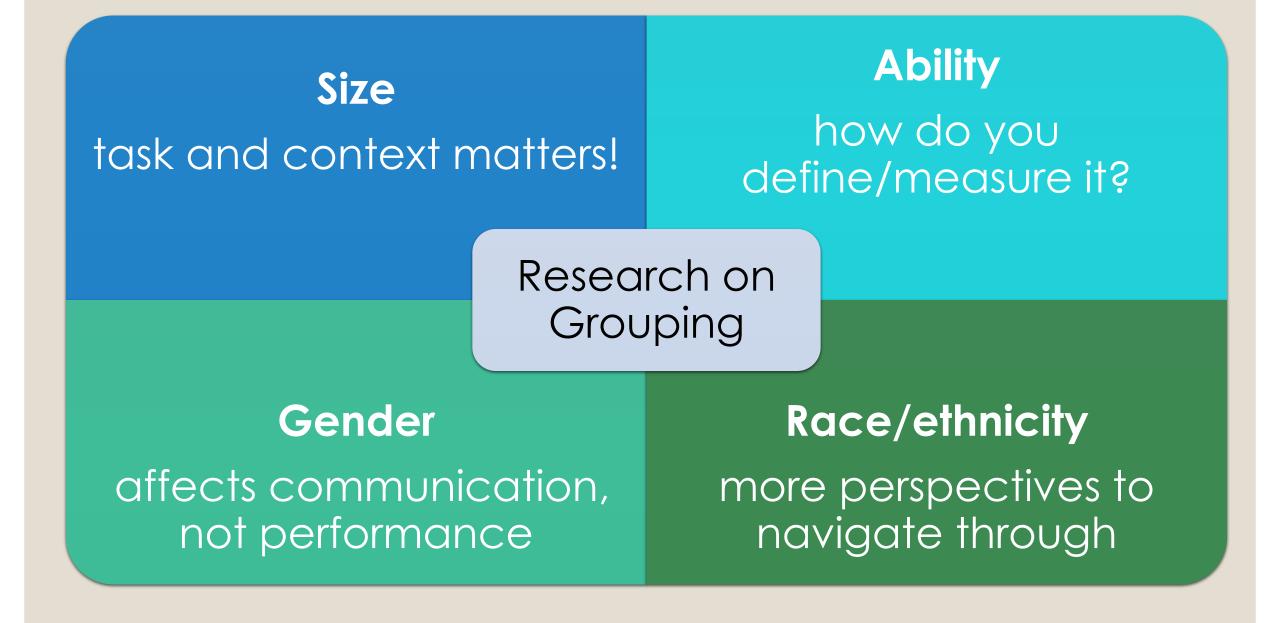
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Benefits of Collaboration

Important for many future careers
Important lifelong skill
Integration of multiple viewpoints
Can assign more complicated tasks
Can add variety to class instruction

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- You must know your students well to use purposeful grouping techniques
- Group by deep-level factors (attitudes, beliefs, interests), rather than surface-level factors (demographics)
- When all else fails, randomize (true to most fields)

Thank you!

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