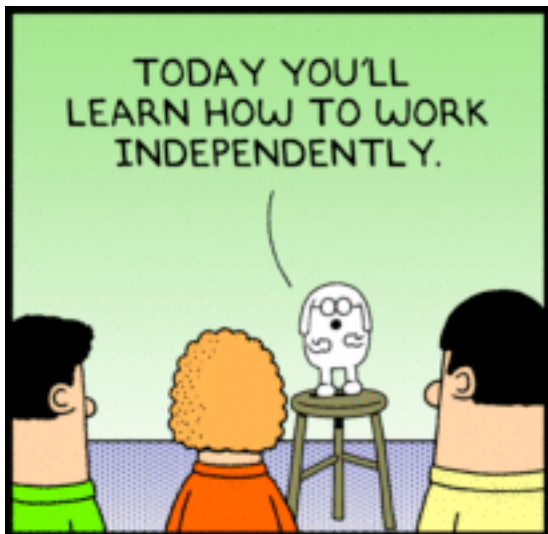


Improving Student Learning Through Collaboration: *Taking the Work out of Group Work*

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Agenda

- The Case for Collaborative Learning
- Tips for Implementing a Collaborative Writing Project
- Tools for Collaborative Research and Writing



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The Case For Collaborative Learning

- Learning occurs through personal, active engagement.¹
- Peer interaction boosts student achievement, motivation, and satisfaction.¹
- Collaboration/teamwork is one of the most critical workforce skills.²

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Tips for Implementing a Collaborative Writing Project

- Forming groups
- Establishing intermediate deliverables
- Using class time
- Dealing with slackers
- Grading

Tools for Collaborative Research and Writing

- Diigo
- EtherPad 