

Try to balance using Harkness discussion circles with other classroom discussion models. If used too frequently, the practice becomes stale and loses its effectiveness; if not used regularly, students do not have the opportunity to practice enough to become proficient. Resources for conducting a Harkness discussion can be found fairly easily through an Internet search. The history of the Harkness discussion can be found at the Phillips Exeter Academy site, http://www.exeter.edu/admissions/109_1220_11688.aspx, which hosts a number of videos that can help build an understanding of the process.