Harkness Activities and Relevant Zoom Features

1) Illustrative Quotes

One way to start discussions is to have students choose a quote from the assigned texts that stood out to them for some reason. In Zoom, teachers could implement this activity by sharing the text and then having their students annotate the document (i.e., underlining or circling their quote).

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2) Student Generated Questions

Alternatively, some teachers have students generate relevant questions which then serve as the basis for discussion. Zoom's whiteboard and annotation (see above) features are useful here:



3) Truth Statements Activity

Yet another option is generating truth statements, where teachers put students in small groups and have them write a series of statements which they believe to be true based on their understanding of the preparation texts. Zoom's breakout rooms can be used to implement this remotely. First, you'll need to make sure this feature is enabled in your settings at zoom.miami.edu. Once in meeting, you'll select "Breakout Rooms" and then either manually or automatically create them. After the rooms have been created, you'll be able to circulate through them using the "Join" feature.

4) Math Problem Activity

For Harkness activities where writing is important (math problems, for example), Zoom's screen mirroring feature is useful. To do this in meeting, you'll need to click on "Share" in your toolbar, select "iPhone/iPad via AirPlay," and then select Screen Mirroring in your iPhone or iPad control panel (swipe from the top right corner). Alternatively, if this doesn't work or if you have an Android device, you could just connect to your meeting with multiple devices.

5) Upload Homework / Reflections / etc.

If you'd like to receive files from your students, you can have them upload them in Zoom's chat feature. First, you'll need to enable file upload in your settings at zoom.miami.edu. Once you've done this, your students will have the option to upload files into the meeting chat.

