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| **Last/Final Word** | Purpose  
To encourage all students to participate as both active speakers and active listeners through a structured discussion where students respond to a text.  

**How to Use**  
1. While reading a text, ask students to find and mark 3 quotes from the text that they would like to discuss with their classmates. Encourage students to find quotes that are interesting or include new information or quotes with which they agree or disagree.  
2. Have students record each quote they marked in their text on a shared online doc. On a separate piece of paper, ask students to write why they selected this quote as well as any comments or feelings about the quote. They will need this in the discussion.  
3. Divide students into groups and have them connect virtually via chat or video conference. Have one student share a quote. Provide 1-2 minutes for the other two students to discuss the quote. Prompt the discussion with questions like *What do you think it means? What are your reactions to this quote? Why is it important in the text?*  
4. After the discussion, have the student who wrote the quote share their thoughts from their separate piece of paper, giving them the final word.  
5. Repeat with the quotes collected from the other students.  

**Variation | Final Word Images**  
Use images instead of quotations. Have students select three images from a collection. For each image, record why they selected the image, what they think it represents, and why it is important.  

**Teaching Tips**  
- Ask students to propose questions to their group that the text raised for them while reading, providing their own answers on a separate sheet of paper.