

# Introduction

## Welcome and Workshop Activity

Begin the workshop session by welcoming the participants and introducing yourself. Take care of housekeeping items such as the location of the restrooms and refreshments. Provide participants with an agenda and share the expected outcomes for the workshop.

Then guide the workshop participants through the beginning activities. These activities provide an overview of the 10 best teaching practices and give teachers an opportunity to determine areas they would like to improve.

**Activity:** Video introduction

**Time:** 3.45 minutes (video); 10 minutes (discussion)

### Directions

View the video

### Discussion Points

Ask the participants to share with a partner two or three things they learned from the video about the 10 best teaching practices.

### Advanced Preparation

Title pieces of chart paper with each of the 10 best teaching practices. Post the chart paper on the walls. (Five on one wall and five on another would be ideal. Shorten the titles for your chart, if you like.)

**Time:** 25 minutes

**Materials:** *Ten Best Teaching Practices*, sticky notes, bookmarks, highlighters

**Directions**

1. Have participants go through the book and bookmark each chapter, highlighting the ten teaching practices.
2. Instruct them to think of one area they would like to improve or one question they have related to each teaching practice and write it on a sticky note.
3. Invite the participants to place each of their sticky notes on the matching chart. Encourage them to add sticky notes anytime during the workshop.

**Additional Resources for Facilitators**

Corwin also offers a free 16-page resource titled *Tips for Facilitators* that includes practical strategies and tips for guiding a successful meeting. The information in this resource describes different professional-development opportunities, the principles of effective professional development, some characteristics of an effective facilitator, the responsibilities of the facilitator, and practical tips and strategies to make the meeting more successful. *Tips for Facilitators* is available for free download on the Corwin website ([www.corwin.com](http://www.corwin.com), under "Other Resources").

We recommend that facilitators download a copy of *Tips for Facilitators* and review the characteristics and responsibilities of facilitators and professional-development strategies for different types of work groups and settings.