An Inquiry Cycle
using the Theory building scaffolds

Begin with WITIK:

**WITIK** --- What I think I know (the idea is that you know that you are not beginning with no knowledge at all, so what is it that you know about the topic under inquiry)

**INTU** --- I need to understand

Then venture to state:

**My Theory**- Spell out your understanding of the question

**New Learning**— Find information. Connect it EXPLICITLY to your theory. Connect to other people’s thinking and information/

…….REPEAT the following cycle:

**INTU** --- I need to understand
**My Theory**
**New Learning**

…….UNTIL you decide to stop the inquiry (maybe you ran out of time, or your are satisfied with the knowledge you have built)

Summerize what you learned. Use scaffolds such as “**putting our knowledge together**” or do “raise-aboves” notes. Go beyond the information given: What implications does this knowledge have for other aspects of the knowledge building project?

End with a **Reflection**: Go back to your WITIK and look at the growth of your knowledge over time.