Tool: Liftoff Models Reflection

In December 2025, a group of young people, school leaders, technologists, researchers, and nonprofit leaders came together to explore what new learning models for ages 13–22 could look like at the Liftoff Design Sprint (read more about the gathering here). This tool is designed for you to explore the 10 innovative models that came out of that design sprint, get inspired and reflect on how you can apply these ideas in your context.

STEP 1: Reflect on your Context

What problems or challenges are you trying to solve in your context? What new initiatives or goals do you have that you are trying to design around?

STEP 2: Explore Models

Select 2-3 models from *liftoffdesignsprint.org* to explore.

If doing this in a group, organize a jigsaw by splitting the group up and having small groups explore different models and share out.

As you explore each model, add your reflections below.

‼️ **WOWS:** What is exciting to you about this model? What is surprising to you about this model?

❓ **WONDERS:** What questions do you have about this model?

💡 **IDEAS:** What ideas does this model give you for your own context?
Note: think about inspiration, not replication.

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STEP 3: Reflect on the Models

As you reflect on all the models you explored, what is a takeaway or theme?

What's one question still on your mind?

What 3 elements or ideas from the models are most exciting?

1.
2.
3.

What challenged your thinking or made you look at things differently? *(I used to think…but now I think…)*

What is one next step you and your team can take to bring an idea from these models to life? *Think about bright spots that already exist in your system that you could build off of.*

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