Reporting Assessment Data

Compare three methods for reporting assessment data: average, table, and chart. While it’s helpful to report the average for a group, a table shows all the ratings, and a chart makes the distribution clear. Best practice is to use a chart or table plus the average. That will be most likely to stimulate thoughtful discussion.

**Average**

Close Reading: \(N = 15\)  \(\text{Mean} = 2.67\)  \(\text{Std Dev} = 0.79\)
Placing in Context: \(N = 15\)  \(\text{Mean} = 2.47\)  \(\text{Std Dev} = 1.02\)

**Table**

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*Average (mean):*   Close Reading = 2.67  Placing in Context = 2.47

**Chart**

Close Reading

Placing in Context

*Mean = 2.67*  *Mean = 2.47*