

10 Fun-Filled Formative Assessment Ideas



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Formative assessment: you've heard about it, you've read the research, and you've probably tried it out in your classroom.

Whether you're a formative assessment newbie or a veteran, these techniques can help spice up how you check for understanding in the classroom. They range from the classics, like exit slips, to ideas you may have never thought to try.

This post was inspired by Todd Finley's big, printable list, "[53 Ways To Check For Understanding](#)".

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Intrigue Journal

List the five most interesting, controversial, or resonant ideas you found in the readings. Include page #s and a short rationale (100 words) for your selection.

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Twitter Post

Define the content in 140 characters.

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Advertisement

Create an ad, with visuals and text, for the newly learned concept.

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Summary Poem Activity

- List 10 key words from an assigned text
- Do a free verse poem with the words you highlighted
- Write a summary of the reading based on these words

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Compare & Contrast

Identify the theory or idea the author is advancing. Then identify an opposite theory. What are the similarities and differences between these ideas?

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Opinion Chart

List opinions about the content in one half of a T-chart, and support your opinions in the right column.

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Bio Poem

- Line 1) 3 adjectives that describe the person
- Line 2) 1 important relationship this person has
- Line 3) 2 things that the person loves
- Line 4) 3 fears the person experiences
- Line 5) 2 things the person wants to experience

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Exit Slip

Have students reflect on lessons learned during class.

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Misconception Check

Given a common misconception about a topic, students explain why they agree or disagree with it.

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Top Ten List

What are the most important takeaways, written with humor?

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