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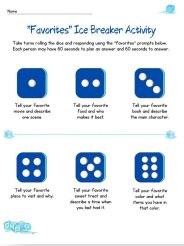# Canva
Templates

Canva Back to School Templates

Favorites Ice Breaker
Take turns rolling the dice and responding to favorites.
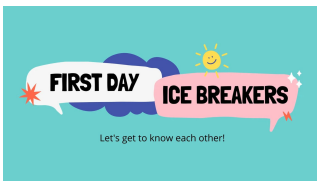Present on a screen or print for students.
Get the template

Roll and Tell
Get to know each other with this roll and tell template.
Present on a screen or print for students.
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First Day Ice Breakers
A great first week activity. Can be used with PearDeck
or Jamboard to make it interactive!
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Spot the Not
Similar to "Two truths and a lie" spot the not is a fun
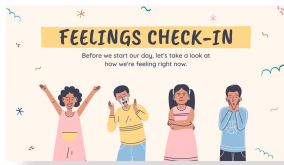activity for students to share more about themselves.
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Self Portrait
A quick and fun blended learning activity. Students will
complete a self portrait following the directions and
will discuss afterwards.
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Canva Bell Ringers and Exit Tickets

Feelings Check-in
A feelings check-in can be done at any time but at the beginning of class each day is a great time to try it. Can be presented in PearDeck or Jamboard to make it interactive.
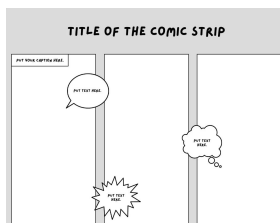**Get the template**

Menu
Have your students choose one and write their own math problems for the class. Your daily math warm-ups are done and the problems have real-world application.
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Comic Strip
A comic strip can be a great bell ringer or exit ticket. Have students summarize what they learned. Can be downloaded and uploaded to Google Slides too.
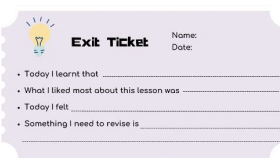**Get the template**

3-2-1 Exit Ticket
Have students share 3 keywords from the lesson, 2 questions they still have and one important thing they learned.
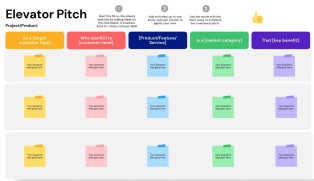**Get the template**

End of Lesson Exit Ticket
Take 5 minutes at the end of the lesson to have students complete this exit ticket. Can be printed or shared on the screen and completed on pape.
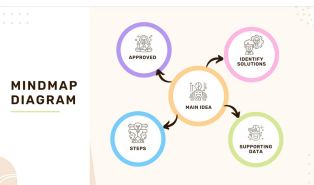**Get the template**

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Canva Brainstorming Templates

Elevator Pitch
A great addition to an engineering/game/digital content design unit. Students will work together to create an elevator pitch for their project.
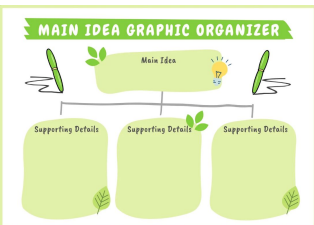*Get the template*

Mind Map
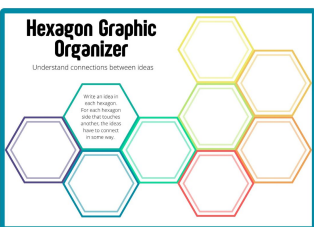Use this mind map to capture students' thinking. Edit as needed to fit your class.
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Main Idea Graphic Organizer
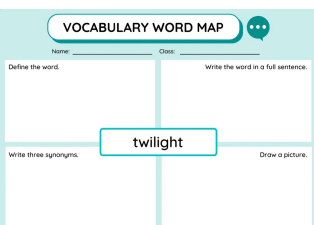Use this graphic organizer with any text to help students pull out important information.
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Hexagonal Thinking
Students will work on making connections between ideas with this visually appealing graphic organizer. Learn more about Hexagonal Thinking here.
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Vocabulary Word Map
A simple but effective vocabulary word map that can be used in all subject areas and at most grade levels.
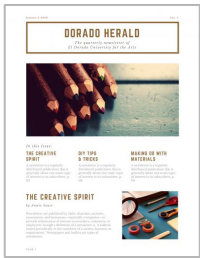*Get the template*

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Canva Communication Templates

Social Graphic
Use this social graphic to share information about things going on in your classroom or at school or have students design it for you.
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Newsletter
Challenge your class to write a monthly newsletter. Give each group a different section to write and have one "editor" each month put it all together. You can upload it to a class Google site or SeeSaw to share with parents.
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Class Website
Did you know that Canva has websites? Bring the beautiful designs of Canva to you class website. You can create a URL in Canva or use your own domain.
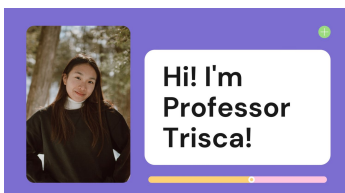[Get the template](#)

Google Classroom Banner
If you use Google Classroom then you know that an engaging banner makes your virtual classroom more fun for everyone. Canva has tons of templates to choose from.
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All About the Teacher
Need a Back to school night presentation? Done. Edit this template ([or choose another](#)) an present right inside of Canva!
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Canva Game Templates

This or That
A great brain break for students and they discuss which image they prefer. Use the images in the template or swap out your own.
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Alphabet Chain
A fun game for students where they come up with words that fit a certain category but with a twist! *Directions are included on the second page*. Use the categories in the template or use your own.
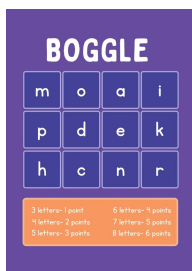[Get the template](#)

The Emoji Game
Use the emojis on each page as clues to figure out the English proverb. Swap out your own and change the categories. You could do movie or book titles too!
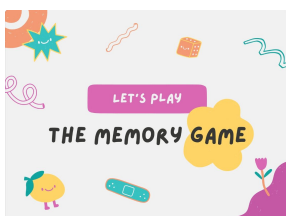[Get the template](#)

Boggle
You can print this game or present on the screen. Students will try to make words by connecting the letters. Points vary based on word length.
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Memory Game
A digital version of Memory. Students will click to turn over two cards. If they don't match they will click undo to turn them back over.
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Canva Worksheets/Printables

Printable Research Report
There are so many printable research reports in the templates library. Choose one that goes with whatever you're studying, edit the template or grab a blank one.

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Trace the Letters
Tracing is an important part of learning to print. These Canva templates are easily editable to fit your class. Need to work on C? They have it! Or edit and have your students' names be the words they trace instead.

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Writing Picture Prompt
A simple writing prompt with a picture, word bank and editing checklist. Swap out the picture and the word bank to change the prompt.
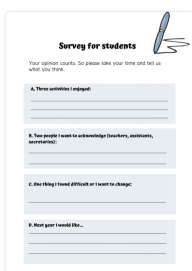
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Meet My Hero Writing Prompt
Students can use this colorful, comic-inspired, background to write a story about their own hero.

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End of Term Survey
A great way to have students reflect on their time in your class is with and end of term survey. Edit the questions as needed then print it out for students to use to give feedback.

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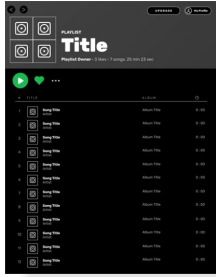# Google Slides Templates

Google Slides Social Media Templates

Spotify Playlist
How students might curate a playlist could speak to what they've learned about content in your class. Have them explain why certain songs make their list.
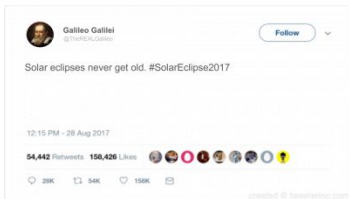*Get the template*

Instagram Stories
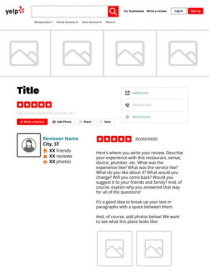You don't need the Instagram app to create the Instagram Stories experience. You just need Google Slides!
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Tweet for Someone
What would happen if a character in a story tweeted about an event in the story? Or about a current event? You can create those tweets with Slides!
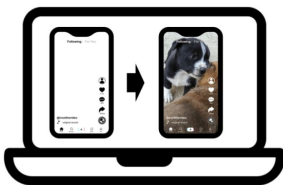*Get the template*

Yelp Review
How would someone rate the experience of visiting a location you're studying? Or the services of a character in a book?
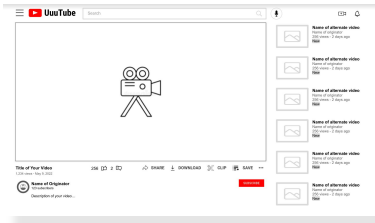*Get the template*

Tik Tok Template
Let's use an app that millions of students already have access to — Google Slides — to recreate the TikTok experience instead of using the app.
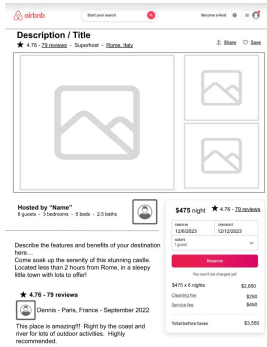*Get the template*

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YouTube Channel
The YouTube template allows students to create their own Youtube channel. Create a video and insert it in the template in Google Slides.
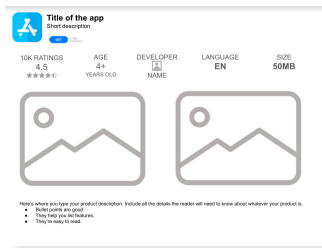**Get the template**

Air BnB
How would you review the home of a character you're studying? Or the residence of an historical figure? So much potential with this template!
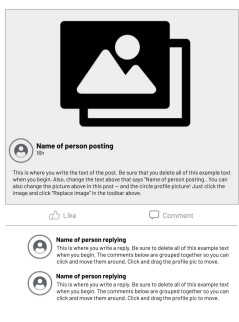**Get the template**

Apple Review
The App Store is a hub for app reviews. Users leave star ratings and their honest opinions about the apps they use. Create your own review with Google Slides.
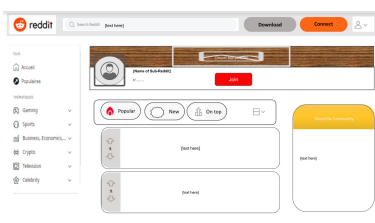**Get the template**

Social Media Reply
How would you reply to a social media post by a classmate? What about a post by a celebrity? Replying appropriately on social media is a skill.
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Reddit
Reddit is a very popular social news website that our students will likely use in the future. Teach them how to use it ethically and responsibly with this template.
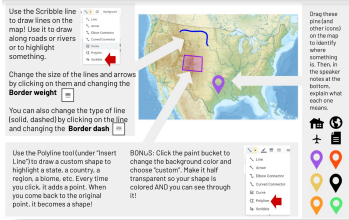**Get the template** *created by Bryan Robitaille-Vézeau*

Google Slides Interactive Activities

Interactive Map
This interactive map template will have you doing more with maps than you realized! Add a map background then start adding your own content!
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Virtual Field Trip Postcard
This template lets students write about their experience on a virtual field trip. It's a great way for them to summarize and reflect what they've just seen!
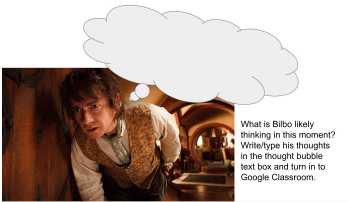**Get the template**

Caption This
When you add a speech bubble or thought bubble to an image, you let students speak or think for the subject of the photo. Insert your own photo and try it!
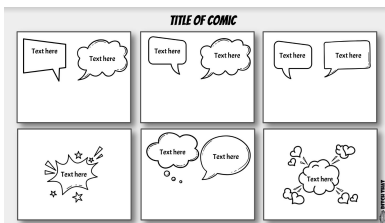**Get the template**

Comic Strip
Comic strips captivated us as children. Use this template to tap into that energy in the classroom with comic strips!
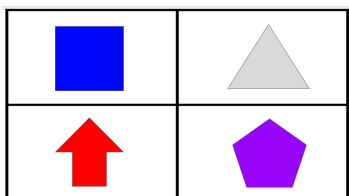**Get the template**

Which One Doesn't Belong
Since there is no "right answer" students can use their observations and mathematical reasoning to justify why their choice is correct.
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Google Slides Interactive Activities

Unboxing Video
The Unboxing Video Planning Guide is a 3-page document that guides students through the planning and recording process of doing an unboxing video.
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Infographic
The Great Big Icon Board is a massive 20" x 10" board with plenty of space for all your students' ideas.
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Storyboard
A storyboard is a graphic organizer that consists of illustrations or images displayed in sequence. Use this graphic organizer to plan a video.
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Shades of Meaning
This template will help your students broaden their vocabulary and understand the nuanced differences between words.
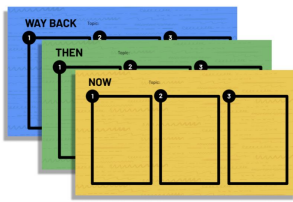**_Get the template_** _H/T to Tony vincent for the idea_

Blackout Poetry
Blackout poetry is a fun way to manipulate text and create with it. You can do it with markers OR Google Slides!
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Google Slides Exit Tickets

Now, Then and Way Back
You can use this simple protocol as a bell ringer or exit ticket. It has three parts: Now (recent), then (not long ago) and way Back: (awhile back)
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Design a T-Shirt
Use this template and modify to have students design their very own t-shirt that showcases what they learned that day.
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4 Step Summary
Use this template to have students summarize what they have learned in a concise way.
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Share a Big Win
Use this template and modify to have students identify a big win they had during the week.
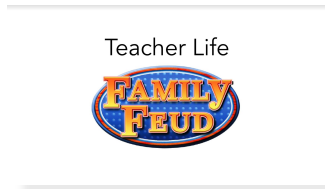*Get the template*

Describe to a Child
Have students come up with a way to explain what they learned simply but clearly as if they were explaining it to a much younger classmate.
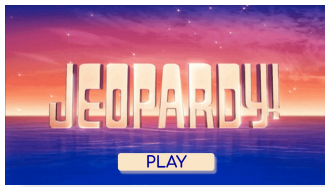*Get the template*

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Google Slides Game Templates

Family Feud
Games can make class and professional development more fun! Here is a template to create a Family Feud-style.

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Jeopardy Game Template
Google Slides and PowerPoint can be used to create lots of different games. Try editing this one to create your own Jeopardy game.

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Who Wants to be a Millionaire
Try editing this Google Slides template to create your own Who Wants to Be a Millionaire game.

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Would You Rather Snapchat Game
The classic "choose between two options" game. Students snap a selfie with the webcam on their device with them pointing up or down to their answer.

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This or That
In this game, students drag an outline on their choice and then describe why they made that choice in the text box at the bottom.

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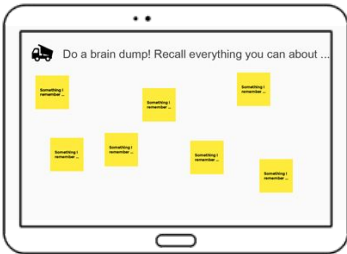
Jamboard Templates

Jamboard Bell Ringers, Exit Tickets

Take attendance
Write each student's name on a sticky note and copy the jam for each day. Students pull their name to the top if they are present. Those left are absent.
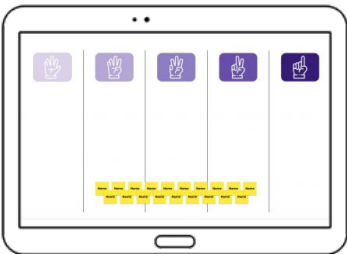**Get the template**

Brain dump
Retrieval practice tells us that a "brain dump," where we recall everything we can about a topic. Provide a space where students can do a brain dump.
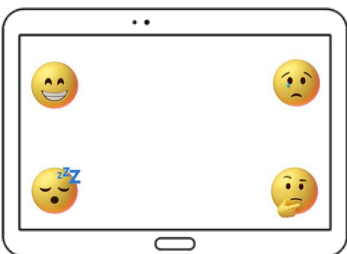**Get the template**

Fist to five
This engagement strategy is a multi use check in. You can use it at the beginning of a lesson and then have students move their post it as the lesson closes up.
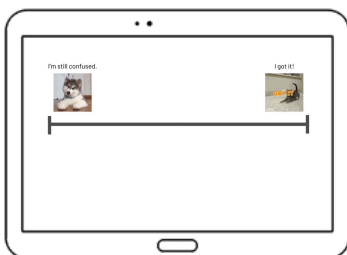**Get the template** *created by Kris Szajner*

How do you feel?
Begin your day with a feelings inventory. Have students write their name on a sticky and place it in the appropriate corner. Use shapes to be anonymous.
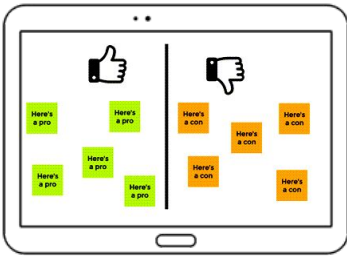**Get the template**

Confused/Got it? Check in
A quick mid-lesson check can be made more fun with an animated GIF. Students add their name with text or sticky. Or use shapes to be anonymous.
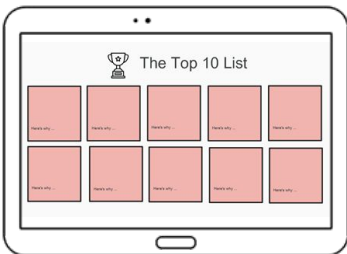**Get the template**

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Jamboard Engagement & Community Building

Pros/Cons discussion
Give students a situation and let them debate the pros and cons. They can do this on their own individual frames in a jam or all together on one big frame.
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Top 10 list
Students can collect the best items and then justify why they fit the collection easily in a jam by adding images, text, sticky notes or even drawings.
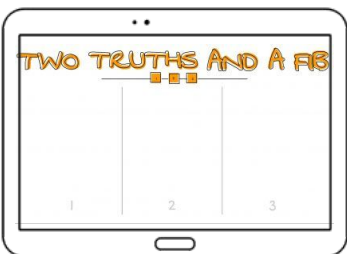**Get the template**

Mad Libs
Have students write out their words on one frame. Then, they can cut the sticky notes with the words and paste them on the second page, with the story.
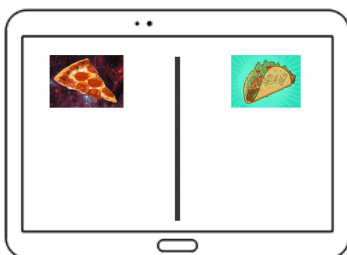**Get the template**

Two truths and a fib
Start your year off right with a great get to know you game. Use this template to have students share about themselves in a fun and collaborative platform.
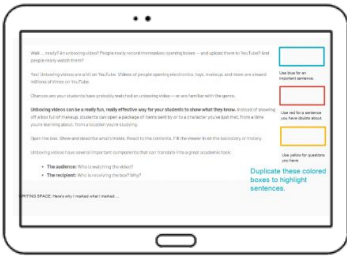**Get the template** *created by Kris Szajner*

Would you rather?
A simple but lively discussion about the preference of on one thing over another can be a fun way to get kids talking and build community.
Get the templates: **Pizza or Tacos**, **Superheros**, **Cat vs Dog**
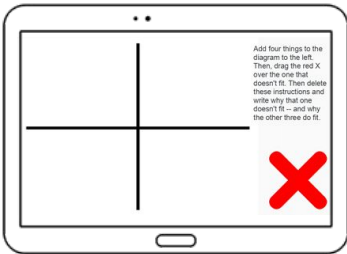
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Jamboard Interactive Activities

Add text to a Jam and annotate
Take a screenshot of a text. Encourage students to annotate and justify it by using the highlighter or dragging frames around important sentences.
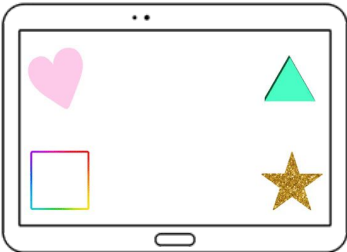**Get the template**

Which one doesn't fit?
In this activity, students add images or text for four different things. The student drags a red X over the one that doesn't fit and then describes why.
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Which one doesn't belong? (GIF)
In this activity, students choose between four different things. The student adds a sticky note in the corner of the one that doesn't fit and describes why.
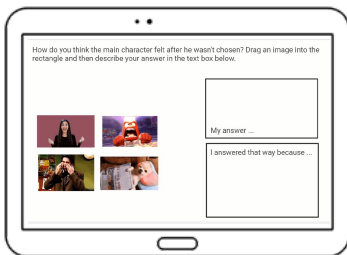**Get the template:** *Shapes*, *Sports*, *Numbers*

Circle and guess
A fun part about learning something new is guessing. This circle and guess activity can be engaging — and get students thinking deeply.
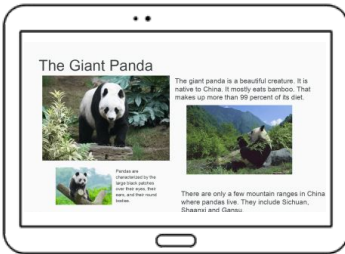**Get the template**

Drag a GIF to answer
Leave animated GIFs on a frame in Jamboard and let students drag one into a box to choose the use text box to describe why they answered as they did.
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Jamboard Collaborative Activities

Digital Poster
We've done posters forever in the classroom, right? Use Jamboard to have student collaborate on one. Plus Jamboard gives you access to TONS of images.
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Add and Pass
Use Jamboard for an add and pass activity to tell a story. Each student adds a slide with an image and some text to the story then passes it on.
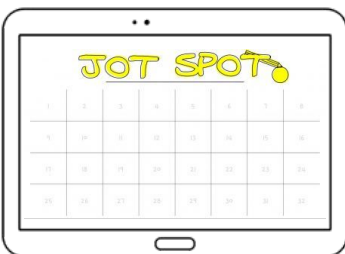**Get the template**

Graffiti Wall
A Graffiti Wall is a phenomenal check in that is focused on art. Students collaborate on the wall to create a mural of thoughts of feelings.
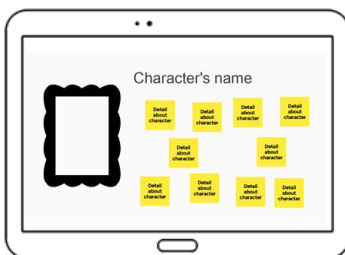**Get the template** *created by Kris Szajner*

Jot Spot
Pose a question or have them reflect on the learning on this collaborative jam. They can use their parking spot to write or draw their thoughts down.
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Character Notes
Have students can gather details on different characters on different frames of a jam. Add images, lots of details. Maybe draw a picture of that character!
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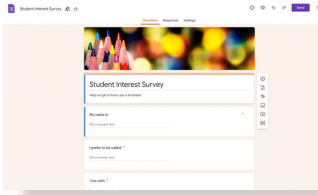DITCH THAT TEXTBOOK

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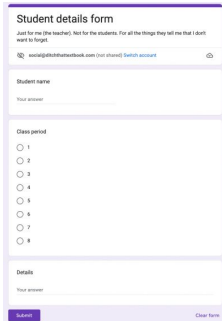
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Student Interest Survey
When we know our students we build a level of trust. So how do we find out what students are into? Student interest surveys!
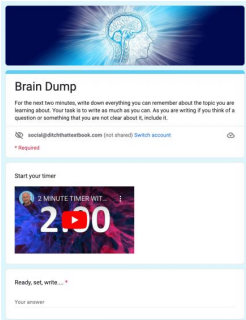
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Google Forms Database
Sometimes, you learn little things about your students at surprising times. Interesting things. Important things. Keep track with this form.
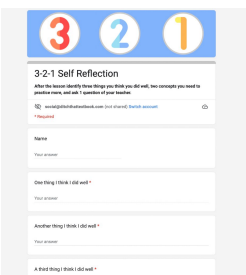
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Brain Dump
The idea here is simple: get everything you've learned out of your brain. Type it out then click submit. It's like a dump truck. Tip the bed over and get that stuff out!

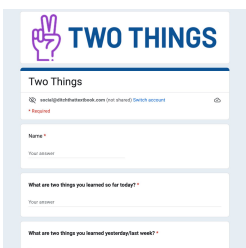**Get the template**

3-2-1 Self Reflection
Students will identify three things they did well, two concepts they need to practice more, and ask 1 question of their teacher.
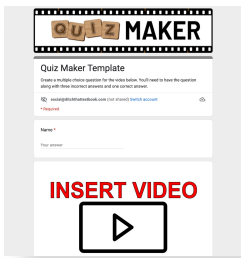
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Two Things Protocol
Encourage retrieval and participation. Jotting down just two things gives students a simple way to think about what they have learned.

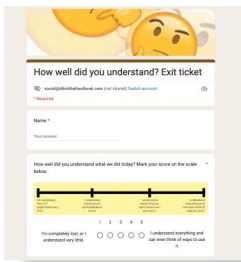**Get the template**

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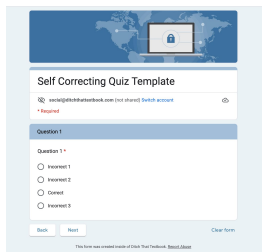[Get the template](#)

How well did you understand?
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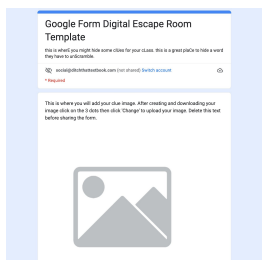[Get the template](#)

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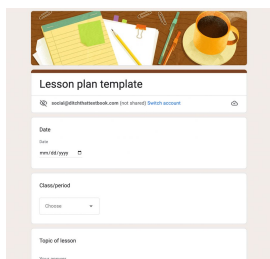
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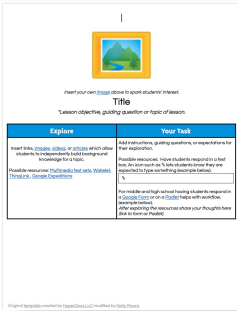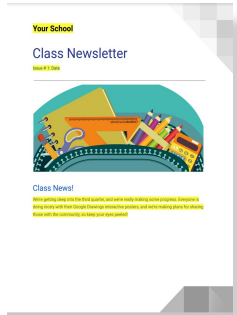Put learning in the hands of your students. Use the Explore Explain Apply method to guide your blended learning lesson planning.
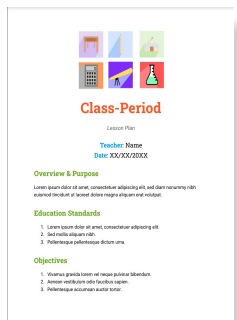**Get the template**

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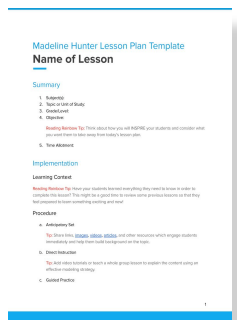
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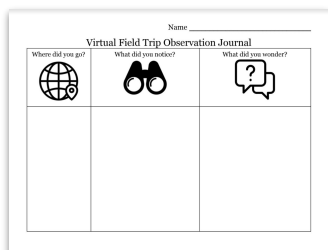
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