



Why Do We Need to Learn This?

Curiosity & Creativity:

Asking “Why?” and “Why not?” about the world around you. One key to fostering Curiosity is to help students realize how what they are learning is relevant for their current and future lives. This activity engages student’s curiosity by helping them make connections between school and life.

Objective:

Students will be able to formulate connections between class curriculum and school and life.

Materials:

Materials to create a list; Prezi or presentation tool.

Steps:

- Warm-up discussion: Why is it sometimes difficult to see the connection between school and our everyday lives or future goals? Why is it important to understand the relevance of what we are learning?
- With your students, list four to six things you have learned in the last few months.
- Group students in groups of four and assign each group an item from the board.
- Have students list the many ways their current learning can be connected to their current life or future goals.
- Encourage students to consider the relevance of the content and subject matter. For example, calculus is relevant if you want to become an engineer.
- Encourage students to consider the relevance of how they learned the concept. For example, to learn calculus, a student has to be detail oriented and check results. Have students explain why being detailed oriented is relevant to their current lives and future.
- Students should then share the connections they have discovered by creating a Prezi or a multimedia presentation.

