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Teaching Strategy of the Week: KWLA

KWL may be relatively well known, or at least it used to be. I swear I haven't seen one done in forever. However, if you don't know what it is, or want to update it a bit, try a [KWLA chart like this one](#).

K	W	L	A
Know	Want to Learn	Learned	Apply to your Learning or the World
What do I already know about this topic?	What do I want to learn about this topic?	What did I learn about this topic? What are the specific details or main ideas?	How will I apply what I learned in school or the world? How does today's learning relate to me and my experiences?

There are so many different ways you can utilize a KWLA. Try it as an entire class, try one per group to get them talking about each other, or growth mindset, try it individually with content so students have time to think, then have them do a variety of pairs

and shares so that they can get ideas and add on to their own. Kick off your next chapter with the K and W, and come back partway through to add on some L's, and maybe some more W's, and when you're nearing the end of the chapter, bring it back out and add some more to the L and the A columns.

Professional Reading of the Week:

The Most Powerful Learning Strategy You're Not Using

Have you used flashcards recently? Maybe you should...According to Kim Marshall's summary in Marshall Memo 704:

"When we teach something once, then want to do something else to help students learn it better, instead of just reviewing the content, we're much better off giving something like a quiz instead. In other words, if we do more asking students to pull concepts out of their brains, rather than continually trying to put concepts in, students will actually learn those concepts better."

Click the [Cult of Pedagogy Article](#) to get more ideas on:

- Using Think-Pair-Shares
- Using Low-Stakes Quizzes
- Doing Brain Dumps
- And much more!



Digital Tool of the Week: [Train Ugly Visual Essays](#)



Check out this resource that offers "In depth research and analysis focusing on the principles of motor learning and growth mindset presented in an engaging visual format." Great for sharing with students as a warmup, closure, or weekly inspiration. Enjoy! :)