

KWL Strategy

Purpose: Provides a structure for thought processes using inquiry and evaluation. Can be used as a focus activity or as a combined pre and post assessment strategy.

Description: A chart which shows prior knowledge, questions students have and finally what they have learnt. It can be completed individually or in groups, depending upon the intention.

Process:

- Chart is divided into 3 sections.
- Students complete the first two sections before commencing any work within a topic.
- The second section “What I want to find out” can be used at the planning table to direct the inquiry and to incorporate student voice through the inquiry questions
- Students complete third section at the end of a topic as a form of summative assessment, or throughout a topic as a means of gauging how their learning is going.



Topic:

| What I think I <u>K</u>now | What I <u>W</u>ant to find out | What I have <u>L</u>earnt |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Facts | Questions | Related Concepts; Previous Learnings; Big Picture; Metaphor |
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