

ENGAGE STUDENTS BY DIFFERENTIATING BY PRODUCT

Allowing students to demonstrate their learning through a variety of product options is a great way to engage students and differentiate at the same time. Just follow these three steps:

Step 1: Identify Your Learning Target

What do you want students to know and be able to do by the end of the lesson?

Step 2: Identify Your Criteria for Success

Based on your learning target, what must be present to show that a student has met the target or mastered the objective? How will you know students “got it?”

Step 3: Identify Potential Ways Students Could Demonstrate Mastery

Once the learning target and criteria are clear, consider the varied ways students might demonstrate what they have learned.

Below is just a sampling of the kinds of products that might be a match.

You’ll want to select products that allow students to show what they know and help you identify if they have mastered the content.

Possible Products:

- Write a(n) essay, blog, paragraph, short story, interview, poem, letter
- Draw a(n) picture, diagram, scientific drawing, political cartoon, mural, series of illustrations, blueprints
- Create a(n) model, 3-D representation, structure, animation, video, presentation, brochure or pamphlet, photo-essay
- Present a(n) choreographed dance, mock trial, song, interview, news report, musical number, demonstration, monologue