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# A GUIDE TO LARGE CLASSROOM ASSESSMENTS

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### INTRODUCTION

In an exploratory study on Teaching and Learning in Large Classes at Ontario Universities, Kerr (2011) found that all instructors agreed that large classrooms had the following assessment related issues: First, instructors found it challenging to create authentic assessments for a large number of students. In addition, the large number of students created a considerable workload when giving feedback and marking. Providing opportunities for formative assessment were also difficult with large numbers of students as this approach also created a large workload. Finally, instructors found it was challenging to fairly assess a diverse mix of students.

This guide was created as a response to the challenges faced by instructors who teach large classrooms. It is designed to support instructors who teach large classrooms. We provide instructors with tools that allow them to think differently about assessing large classrooms, alternative assessment methods that would work with large classrooms coupled with examples from different universities and professors. Finally, this guide provides tips for managing grading and feedback in large classrooms.

The definition of a large classroom varies from one discipline to another. In some disciplines, a class of 60 students is considered a large classroom. In other disciplines, large classrooms could contain up to 1000 students and sometimes even more. Similarly, assessment practices differ from one discipline to another. Therefore, this guide serves as a description of different approaches that instructors could try. It is a by no means a prescriptive guide as some instructors might be comfortable trying some techniques and not others.

In order to tackle large classroom assessment, it is recommended that instructors scaffold their exams throughout the semester by creating smaller formative assessment instead of one big assessment. As an instructor, you could use peer- and self-assessment, or you could design group assessments instead of individual assessments.

Finally, feel free to reach out to the Teaching Commons on <u>teaching@yorku.ca</u> if you have any comments about the guide. If you would like to set up a meeting to discuss how you could implement those techniques in your classroom, <u>request support</u>.

Please note that this document is a work in progress.

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## 1. HOW TO TACKLE ASSESSMENT OF LARGE CLASSROOMS

There are multiple techniques that you could use in your large classroom assessment. This includes using multiple choice questions, spreading your exams over the semester, using self and peer assessment, assessing groups instead of individuals, and using technology.

# i. Multiple Choice Exams Done Differently

There are many advantages to using multiple choice questions. They could be easily graded by a computer, they are perfect for testing low order Bloom's taxonomy, and they provide objective measurement of students' exams.

#### **General Guidelines**

- Ask students to submit exams questions, you could frame this as a low stake assignment by itself.
   For example, ask the students to submit one question at the end of every session or module. This will help you build a database of questions.
- You could also ask your students to submit questions as part of their presentation.
- Write your questions throughout the term. Add questions after every module or section. This will save you time instead of writing questions before the exam.

# **Leading Practices**

- Avoid using negatively worded questions, if you need to use negative questions emphasize the negative element using Italic or capital letters
- Avoid using None of the above
- Avoid using irrelevant information in the question
- Present a definite problem in the question
- Put the alternative in logical order (alphabetical or numerical)
- Use a Question Format rather than incomplete statements

#### Guides

Guide on MCQ: Designing Multiple-Choice Questions

# ii. Spread Your Exams Throughout the Semester

Doing multiple assessments can be tough in large classes, but here are some ways to make them work. Instead of having only two exams during the semester, you could include smaller assessments that spread throughout the semester. You could add smaller assessments that don't require a lot of grading time. This could be completed using classroom assessment techniques or short written assessments.

### **Short-written Assessments**

Short written assessments, as the name implies are short and will not take a lot of time to grade. Short-written assessments could be done individually or in groups and they can take multiple forms such as:

• Beginning of the class writing: ask them for an area of confusion or give them a figure and ask them about the main point. This will give you an introduction to the session and allows you to understand where your students are confused.





- *End of the class writing*: ask them one thing they learned during this lesson or to summarize the learning in one paragraph.
- 4321 Submission: you can ask them to submit 4 key points from the chapter, 3 key terms with definitions, 2 quotes with analysis on why they're significant, and 1 question about the content. One tip could be to use good questions provided by them in the assessment.
- Response Paper/Reflection paper: if you have readings due before class time, you could ask them a question based on the reading and they need to submit a response before coming to class. This could vary in length. You could ask them for 250 words or a one pager.
- *One Sentence Summary*: This technique can be used at the beginning or the end of class time to summarize, describe, sequence, compare and contrast and show problem/solution. You can read more about the one sentence summary.

# **Grading Tips**

- Allow students to choose 2 of the short-written assessments that they would like graded. This approach would minimize the grading and give students flexibility and ownership over their grades.
- You could use a reduced grading scheme: for example, students receive a + or on the assessment depending if they have reached the goal of the question or not.

#### **Benefits**

- Help students organize their thoughts
- Allow students opportunities to practice
- Help shy students engage in the classroom conversation
- Help divide the distribution of the grades and feedback throughout the semester
- They help organize thoughts in preparation for class
- Summarize what's occurred in class

# **Example**

• McGill example

### **Classroom Assessment Techniques (CAT)**

Classroom assessment techniques are short assessments that could be used during class time. There are multiple types of CAT:

- Course-related knowledge and skills: assess the students' knowledge
- Student attitudes, values, and self-awareness: assess the students' attitudes
- Reactions to instruction methods: assess the reaction of the students to the instruction methods

#### **Benefits**

- Allow instructor to gain daily feedback from students
- Give insight to the instructor about what students have learned and what they still need support in
- Allow instructors to address misconceptions in a timely manner
- Creates good relationship between the instructor and the students
- Helps students self-assess and think critically
- Reduce feelings of isolation in the large classroom

### How to use CAT

- Decide what you want to assess
- Choose the appropriate CAT
- Explain the purpose of the activity to the students





- Review the results
- Tell the students what you learned from the CAT and how you will use this information (for example you could tell them a prevalent misconception that you found, or a positive outcome that you noticed) this will help engage the students.

The table in <u>Appendix A</u> outlines just some of the possibilities for implementing a Classroom Assessment Technique in your own class.

#### Read more

- You can find the 50 CAT Handout
- Minute paper, muddiest point, student generated test questions, and other examples of CATs
- Field-Tested Learning Assessment Guide for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Instructors
- Selected CATs for Getting Feedback on Student Learning
- Classroom Assessment Techniques (CATs) (illinois.edu)
- Defining Features Matrix (wisc.edu)

# **Leading Practices**

- Start by choosing one CAT
- Conduct a CAT before major assignment/assessment
- Don't feel obligated to have a CAT every week
- Report your findings to your students
- Create rotation reporting: Short readings submissions could be shared in small groups and one person reports on the submissions and includes all the original submissions as well. As you see in the table below, Student A and student E will be reporting on the submissions of group 1 and 2. Grading in this case in into grading 2 submission instead of grading 8 submissions.
- Make sure you give students specific instructions on what to submit for the rotation. For example, the reporter submits a 500 words synthesis and NOT submit a copy of all the submissions.

Group 1	Student A		Week 1 reporter: Student
			A
	Student B		Week 2 reporter: Student
			В
	Student C		Week 3 reporter: Student
			C
	Student D	Datation management	Week 4 reporter: Student
			D
Group 2	Student E	Rotation reporter	Week 4 reporter: Student
			E
	Student F		Week 4 reporter: Student
			F
	Student G		Week 4 reporter: Student
			G
	Student H		Week 4 reporter: Student
			Н

• Consider using self or peer-assessment to provide grading for the short-written assessment. Detailed information about self and peer assessment in the next section.





#### iii. Introduce Self and Peer-Assessment

Self- and peer-assessment are two techniques that could be used to allow students to assess their own work and/or their peers' works. Self-assessment allows students to assess their own work and peer assessment allows students to assess each other's submissions.

#### **Self-assessment**

In order to make self-assessment a success, let the students know in advance why you are using this method, create a safe place for them to speak about their learning, and introduce the criteria. Self-assessment can be done with various ways, quantitatively, qualitatively, or descriptively. Finally, you can use a wide range of techniques such as checklists, scripts, templates, rubrics, self-marking, estimating future performance and self-assessment templates.

#### **Peer-assessment**

Peer assessment, also called peer review, is an instructional approach that allows learners to consider, evaluate, and provide feedback on the level, value, or quality of the intellectual product of an "equalstatus" learner - a peer (Topping, 1998).

# **Example**

- Peer review with 500 students
- Student peer assessment: Case studies
- Zen and the art of metacognition: Quality-based discrimination, peer assessment & technology

#### **Benefits**

- Self-evaluation allows students to develop critical reflection
- Helps students see work from an assessor's perspective
- Creates an audience that provides honest feedback and multiple perspectives
- Evaluating peers' work also exposes students to solutions, strategies, and insights that they
  otherwise would likely not see

### **Leading Practices**

- Provide clear rubrics
- Use calibrated peer assessment: This process allows instructors and TAs to provide training to students before they do the assessment. The training consists of the TAs grading a number of papers with an explanation. Then the students grade the same papers. If the grading is close, then the students move to assessment. If the grades are not close, the students read the explanation and grade other papers. The number of calibrated grading that students do depends on the instructor. You can read more in this example of calibrated peer assessment, and you can read more about the use of calibrated peer assessment in engineering in the following two articles:
  - Carlson, P. A., & Berry, F. C. (2008). Using computer-mediated peer review in an engineering design course. *IEEE Transactions on Professional Communication*, 51(3), 264-279.
  - Saterbak, A., Moturu, A., & Volz, T. (2018). Using a teaching intervention and Calibrated Peer Review<sup>TM</sup> diagnostics to improve visual communication skills. *Annals of biomedical engineering*, 46(3), 513-524.
- Explain to students why you are involving them
- Develop peer assessment skills before you involve the students in high stake peer assessment
- Make the peer assessment process anonymous





# **Equity in Peer and Self-assessment**

Some things to keep in mind:

- It is important to foster a culture of assessment. Students with language difficulties or learning difficulties might be challenged by peer assessment exercises. Students from different cultural and educational background might have different approaches to peer assessment. They might not value student critique.
- Explain to the students the benefit of divergent views.
- Set up a practice peer assessment activity, could be a group work activity, to allow students to learn from this experience.
- In peer assessment, the instructor/TA takes the role of moderator to protect students from unfair grading.

# **Examples**

- Student guide to self- & peer assessment
- Examples of self-assessment tools
- Self-assessment for group work
- The Idea Book: Peer and Self-Assessment

# iv. Assess Groups Rather Than Individuals

Instead of assessing students individually, you can use presentations, debates, posters, student-generated questions, and videos to assess groups. It is important to introduce the assessment at the beginning of the semester to allow students to get organized and find times that work for all the group members.

# **Leading Practices**

- Ask students to submit a project proposal prior to embarking on a large project.
- Allow students to give feedback on each others' proposals.
- Set up project updates throughout the semester. Allow students to create the type of check-in that works for them which could be a video, an audio, or a written submission.
- Consider assigning a project manager to meet with the instructor and update the instructor on a weekly basis.
- You could ask the students for a mandatory weekly meeting and if students miss the meeting, they could fail the assignment.
- Consider scheduling meetings with each group to talk about the project.
- Include peer and self evaluation in the form of a report.
- Consider asking students to submit their work on a google doc which allows you to see each person's contribution.

### **Benefits**

- Teaching the students valuable communication skills
- Provide some interactivity that facilitates learning

#### **Examples**

Group projects in online classes create connections and challenge instructors (insidehighered.com)

# v. Benefit from the use of Technology

Technology can be used in a broad way to support the implementation of assessment. In this section we recommend the use of technology to tackle some of the operational and strategic issues of assessment. This is also known as Technology Enhanced Assessment (TEA).





There are several ways to use technology to enhance your assessment:

- Use online marking and annotation (e.g. Crowdmark: *Crowdmark is structured so that multiple markers can simultaneously assess a set of exams; each marker can assess entire papers or be assigned specific questions*). You can find more information about Crowdmark in eClass
- Audio and video assessment to allow group work
- Using digital publishing tools in assessment: those are the multiple platforms that could be used to publish content online. They may take the form of wikis, blogs, or social media. These tools allow students to collaborate.
- Immediate response systems
- Polls and mobile devices allow you to create low stake formative assessment and check the understanding of the students.
- Using videos and audio to deliver feedback: an example of this is to use the video and audio
  options in eClass to deliver your feedback. Feedback could be delivered to every student.
  Feedback could also be done in one video to the whole class. In tis case, the instructor or the TAs
  gather common errors and create a video feedback for the whole class to see.

# 2. ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT YOU COULD USE IN LARGE CLASSROOMS

Two-staged assessments	This assessment allows you to create a group quiz followed by an individual quiz.				
Flexible assessment	This option allows the students to choose the type of assessment they are most comfortable with from a list of assessments that the instructor specifies.				
Group Quizzes	Group quizzes could be done in the form of take-home exams or in class exams				
Open Book exams/take home exams	In take home exams/Open Book Examination the students are allowed to have access to books, papers and on-line content. Different designs include: a) Ask students to undertake a take-home exam that the instructor designs or b) Ask the students to design an open book exam				





# i. Two-Staged Assessment

# **Description**

Two-stage collaborative assessment is a platform that provides the opportunity for students to cooperatively take assessments. It is also known as two-stage exams, tiered exams, pyramid exams, group quizzes, collaborative testing, cooperative exams, and team-based tests. How does it work:

- Before the test/exam, encourage students to study with a partner or in a small group
- During the test administration, students work with their partners or group members and discuss the test questions one-by-one
- After the group is satisfied with the conversation, each member selects and records their own response.
- Students do not need to provide one answer per group. Each student can have their own answer. Students' answers don't need to be the same.

#### **Benefits**

- Research shows that team tests help students learn.
- Feedback. Especially in large classes, re-doing the test immediately with peers allows students to get to immediately discuss the questions and come to the right answer.
- Exam improvement.
- Community building.
- Facilitates inclusion.

### **Examples**

- Video: Two-stage exams
- Physics and electrical engineering example (160 students)
- Video 2: Two-stage midterm exam | Evidence-based science education in action: (ubc.ca) (300 students)
- Dr Catherine Rawn's blog outlines a simple procedure in Psychology
- The positive responses of both teachers and students in an introductory physics course, example

#### Rubric

Examples of rubrics are: <u>Rubric for assessing students' collaborative skills</u>, <u>exam wrappers for self-assessment</u>, and <u>peer assessment resource document</u>.

#### Resources

- Tips for Successful Two Stage Exams
- Multiple assessment tools could be used in the two-stage collaborative assessment
- Two-stage exams
- Two-stage exams (UofGuelph)
- Two-Stage Exams (ubc.ca)

#### ii. Flexible Assessment (Example from UBC – 280 students)

<u>Dr. Candice Rideout</u> explained how she used flexible assessment in a large classroom. Allow the students to choose the value assigned to each of the assessments. Providing students with the opportunity to select which assessments they will complete (and the value each will contribute to their final grade). Dr. Rideout gave the students a table with a proposed grading schema and a column for the students to choose their preferred grading schema. For each of the assessment, Dr. Rideout gave the students a range to choose from for example 0 to 35%.





# **Leading Practices**

- Set a deadline by which students can choose the grade distribution
- Give the students a range they can choose from

# **Example**

Check out Dr, Rideout's publication to know more about the different assessment schemes:

• Rideout, C. A. (2018). Students' choices and achievement in large undergraduate classes using a novel flexible assessment approach. Assessment and Evaluation in Higher Education, 43(1), 68-78. https://doi.org/10.1080/02602938.2017.1294144

# iii. Group/Pair quizzes (example from .... 60 students)

There are a variety of ways to use group or pair quizzes. Group/pair quizzes could be completed as a take home exam or in the classroom.

Take home exams should be challenging to avoid the divide and conquer approach. Instructors should choose questions that require negotiation among the students to reach consensus backed by resources. Take home exams could also be followed by individual in class exams. In class exams need to complement the take home exam in way that a student who hasn't contributed to the take home exam is not able to successfully complete the in-class exam.

# iv. Take home exams/open book exams

In take home exams/open book examination the students are allowed to have access to books, papers and on-line content. Different designs include a) Ask students to undertake a take-home exam that the instructor designs or b) Ask the students to design an open book exam.

You can learn more through the open book exams toolkit provided by the Teaching Commons.

#### **Benefits**

- Allows for assessment of higher order learning (e.g., application, analysis, evaluation, creation)
- Develops information literacy skills
- Mimics actual professional activities where students can have access to information
- Less anxiety provoking for some students

The Teaching and Learning Center at Newcastle University, Australia provided the example of questions in the table below. Questions are divided into Socratic questions and Bloom's Taxonomy questions.

## **Socratic Questions:**

Type of question	Example		
Clarification questions	What do you think is the main issue?		
	Could you provide an example?		
Assumption questions	What would lead someone to make that assumption?		
Reason and evidence questions	Can you provide a reason to doubt that belief?		
Origin or source questions	What is your main source of information? What impacted		
	your viewpoint?		
Implications and consequence questions	Specify other consequences that might happen because of		
	this incident?		
Viewpoint questions	How would other groups of people perceive this question		
	and why?		





### Bloom's Taxonomy Questions:

Type of question	Example
Knowing and remembering	List? Describe? Define? What? When? How?
Understanding	Explain how
-	Give an example of
Applying	How would you use?
	How would you solve?
Analyzing	Compare/contrast? Relationship?
Evaluating	What is the strongest argument?
Creating	What changes would you make?
	How would you evaluate?

Adapted from "A Guide for Academics – Open Book Exams" from the University of Newcastle, retrieved February 19, 2021 via <a href="https://www.newcastle.edu.au/\_data/assets/pdf\_file/0006/268980/Open-BookExams.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2NIKERdF5Tug6XugJgLbtGpmhx7PJ3pExkmCJTrF3uVc15N7ixL91Q9JU">https://www.newcastle.edu.au/\_data/assets/pdf\_file/0006/268980/Open-BookExams.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2NIKERdF5Tug6XugJgLbtGpmhx7PJ3pExkmCJTrF3uVc15N7ixL91Q9JU">https://www.newcastle.edu.au/\_data/assets/pdf\_file/0006/268980/Open-BookExams.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2NIKERdF5Tug6XugJgLbtGpmhx7PJ3pExkmCJTrF3uVc15N7ixL91Q9JU">https://www.newcastle.edu.au/\_data/assets/pdf\_file/0006/268980/Open-BookExams.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2NIKERdF5Tug6XugJgLbtGpmhx7PJ3pExkmCJTrF3uVc15N7ixL91Q9JU"</a>

# **Examples**

- Take home <u>example</u>
- Math <u>example</u>

#### Rubric

• Example of a rubric for a take home exam

# **Leading Practices**

If you create 20 questions and 4 essays and every student gets 3 questions and 1 essay, this minimizes the chance of students getting the same combination.

Other examples include:

- How to have students submit handwritten work in an online setting (rtalbert.org)
- Modifying closed book exams for use as open book exams
- Mathematics Take Away Open Book Assessment | Kevin Houston
- Creating authentic assessments: A method for the authoring of open book open web examinations (qut.edu.au)

#### Resources

#### **Guides & Articles**

- A guide for <u>preparing for an online open book exam</u> from Trent University
- Public Service Commission of Canada. (2015). Best practices for unsupervised testing
- Making the transition to take home exams
- Open book exams toolkit

# 3. GENERAL ADVICE

- Develop joint assessment with another subject in the course this may help to link concepts and develop coherent as well as lessen the load
- Build assessment tasks into learning activities rather than as add-ons





- Have the students do some kind of active learning assignment that they turn in after every class, but only grade a small subset of these assignments.
- Check the assignments before the next lecture so that you can address common misconceptions.
- You could also use the ungraded assignments to check attendance randomly throughout the semester.
- Establish a student management team (see below) that can provide feedback on the general perception of the difficulty and fairness of the exam.

# 4. TIPS FOR MANAGING GRADING FOR A LARGE CLASSROOM

- Simple grading system for shorter assignments: a three-to-five-point scale, with specific pieces of information required for each point or a check/check-minus/check-plus system
- Detailed grading rubric for papers and other assignments
- If using group or peer-based work, ask students to fill a report on their own performance and that of their colleagues. Knowing they'll be evaluated this way keeps online students engaged when they might be tempted to drift.

# 5. TIPS FOR MANAGING FEEDBACK FOR LARGE CLASSROOM

- Ask students (in small groups) to take turns at moderating a feedback forum where students can ask topic-related questions.
- Model answers: Provide a list of the most common and typical problems in assignment submissions and examination along with explanations and model answers. This helps students understand the mistakes that were often made by previous students. Provide model answers, including examples of very good, moderate, and poor assignments/exam answers.

# **Recommended readings**

- © 2001, Schreyer Institute for Innovation in Learning 1 (psu.edu)
- Building a Sense of Community in Large Sized Classes via Peer and Self Assessment
- Kerr, A. (2011). Teaching and Learning in Large Classes at Ontario Universities: An Exploratory Study. Toronto: Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario
- Topping, K. (1998). Peer Assessment Between Students in Colleges and Universities. Review of Educational Research, 68(3), 249 -276.
- Do THIS, Not THAT When Writing Multiple-Choice Questions eLearning Industry
- <u>Designing Multiple-Choice Questions | Centre for Teaching Excellence | University of Waterloo (uwaterloo.ca)</u>
- Microsoft Word Handouts 14 Rules for Writing Multiple-Choice Questions.. (byu.edu)
- "Chapter 02: Learning from the Test: Dos and Don'ts for Using Multiple-Choice Tests" by Elizabeth J. Marsh and Allison D. Cantor (wustl.edu)
- Student Peer Assessment | UNSW Teaching Staff Gateway





# 6. APPENDICES

Appendix A: Examples of CATs

Name	What is it	Time needed		
1. Muddiest Point	Ask the students what they did not understand and what	Prep time: Low		
Individual	might help them understand.	In-class time: Low		
		Evaluation time: Low		
2. One Minute Paper	At the end of class time, ask students to fill an eClass quiz	Prep time: Low		
Individual	answering the following question: "Most important thing	In-class time: Low		
	I learned today and what I understood least."	Evaluation time: Low		
3. Chain Notes	Create a discussion board thread and ask students to	Prep time: Low		
Individual	answer the same thread	In-class time: Low		
		Evaluation time: Medium		
4. Application	Ask students to write a short news article about how a	Prep time: Low		
Articles	major point applies to a real-world situation/ or applies to	In-class time: Medium		
Individual/in Groups	their major	Evaluation time: Medium		
5. Student Generated	Ask students to write test questions and model answers.	Prep time: Low		
Test Questions  Individual/ In	In groups: Divide the class into groups and ask them to	Application time: Medium		
Groups	write a question and model answer for the exam or assign	Evaluation time:		
	a topic to each group and ask them to write a question and	Medium		
	a model answer			
6. The Minute Paper	Asking students to write a brief response to the following	Prep time: Low		
Individual	questions:	Application time:		
	"What was the most important thing you learned	Low		
	during this class?"	Evaluation time: Low		



	"What important question remains unanswered?"					
7. The Background Knowledge Probe Individual	introduction of a new unit, lesson or topic to uncover what they know about the topic.			Prep time: Low Application time: Medium Evaluation time: Medium		
8. What's the Principle?  Individual/ In Groups	Provide students with a problem and asks them to state the principle learned in the course that best applies to each problem.			Prep time: Low Application time: Low Evaluation time: Low		
9. Defining Features Matrix Individual/ In Groups	Prepare a handout with a matrix of multiple columns and several rows. At the top of the first two columns, list concepts that have potentially confusing similarities, list			Prep time: Low Application time: Low Evaluation time: Low		
	Feature X Feature Y Feature Z	Concept A + -	Concept B  +	Concept C - +		
10. Focused Listing Individual/ In Groups		nts to list idea	as related to th	,		Prep time: Low Application time: Low Evaluation time: Low





11. Empty Outlines Individual/ In Groups	Ask students to complete an empty or partially completed outline of a class presentation  Example below.  General Topic: Specific Topic: First main point: First main point example: Second main point: Second main point example: Conclusion			Prep time: Low Application time: Medium Evaluation time: Medium	
12. Memory Matrix  Individual/ In Groups	Ask students to complete a table about course content. You provide the headings, and they fill the cells.  Application Countereffects Exclusion  Medicine  1  Medicine				Prep time: Low Application time: Medium Evaluation time: Medium
13. Pro and Con Grid Individual/ In Groups	Students list pros/cons, costs/benefits, advantages/disadvantages of an issue, question, or claim				Prep time: Low Application time: Medium Evaluation time: Medium
14. Approximate Analogies Individual/ In Groups	Ask students to complete the 2nd half of an analogy: Element A is to Element B as ? is to ?			Prep time: Low Application time: Low Evaluation time: Low	
15. Concept Maps	Ask students draw the connections they make between a major concept and other concepts			Prep time: Low	





Individual/ In Groups	Or give the students a half blank concept map and ask them to fill the rest TIP: prepare the concept map in advance	Application time: Medium  Evaluation time: Medium
16. Invented Dialogues Individual/ In Groups	Ask students to structure conversations between historical figures about a topic.  Ask them to support their claims with quotes from the course.	Prep time: Low Application time: Medium Evaluation time: Medium
17. Problem Recognition Tasks Individual/ In Groups	Provide the students with a list of problems Ask them to determine which method is used to solve the problem (without solving the problem)	Prep time: Low Application time: Low to Medium Evaluation time: Medium
18. Application Cards Individual/ In Groups	Ask students to identify one real world problem where the topic discussed in the class can be applied	Prep time: Low  Application time: Low  Evaluation time: Low



