

Lesson Blueprints: Graphic Organizers and Charts

Lesson Title: A-Z Chart

Grade Level: Elementary School

Project and Purpose

Students organize their thoughts on a subject by associating and writing words in the appropriate letter box.

Essential Question

How does using the alphabet help us show what we know?

Materials

- A-Z Chart on chart paper and/or individual copies for students
- Marker

Introduction

Explain that sometimes we need to use the alphabet to help us show what we know or what we have learned about a topic.

Direct Instruction (I do)

1. Before the session, determine the topic and draw the A-Z Chart. (Note: Use the chart at the end of this lesson for a guideline.)
2. Explain that students will come up with words that start with each letter of the alphabet that have to do with the topic. Provide an example for any one of the 26 letters.

Guided Exploration (We do)

Brainstorm and write in at least two more words associated with the topic for any other letter on the chart.

Independent Practice (You do)

1. Have students work with a partner for approximately five minutes to brainstorm more ideas on the subject. Students may need copies of the chart to collect their thoughts.
2. Encourage students to come up with as many words as possible in each box and fill in as many boxes as possible.

Conclusion

Bring the class back whole group and have students share their ideas for each letter. Fill out your chart on the chart paper together until every letter has at least one word.

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Worksheet: A-Z Chart

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In the boxes below, write words relating to or describing the topic. Put the word in the box that has the same first letter. Be sure to list as many words as you can; try to think of a word for each letter!

Topic _____	
A _____ _____	N _____ _____
B _____ _____	O _____ _____
C _____ _____	P _____ _____
D _____ _____	Q _____ _____
E _____ _____	R _____ _____
F _____ _____	S _____ _____
G _____ _____	T _____ _____
H _____ _____	U _____ _____
I _____ _____	V _____ _____
J _____ _____	W _____ _____
K _____ _____	X _____ _____
L _____ _____	Y _____ _____
M _____ _____	Z _____ _____