

DESIGNING: A Student Performance Task Template

Essential or Driving Question / Enduring Understandings (E)

What is/are the overarching reasoning/thinking question(s) and/or big idea(s) that guide this performance task?

Standards / Key Concepts

What standard(s) or key concepts are students expected to demonstrate mastery of with this performance task?

Context for Assignment

Provide any additional background information that sets the stage for this assignment.

Scenario (A)

Develop a narrative performance task scenario that describes the APPLICATION of your topic information to a real-world situation and what you will need to produce with your information for your audience.

Cognitive Difficulty Level (NEW Bloom's Taxonomy) (H)

	Recalling, identifying, or describing EXISTING information (Remembering - LOTS)
	Understanding, summarizing, or paraphrasing EXISTING information (Understanding - LOTS)
	Using EXISTING information in a new way (Applying - LOTS)
	Comparing, breaking down, deciding or re-organizing BEYOND existing information (Analysis - HOTS)
	Judging, hypothesizing, or critical thinking BEYOND existing information (Evaluating– HOTS)
	Constructing, planning, inventing or producing BEYOND existing information (Creating – HOTS)

Type of Communication (Purpose) (H)

The types of communication represent possible student products in the various genres of writing. Choose the type of communication to be used by students in their product.

	Personal Expression (Narrative)		Summary Report (Informative/Expository)
	Myth/Folk Tale (Narrative)		Book Report (Informative/Expository)
	Short Story (Narrative)		How-to Directions (Informative/Expository)
	DocuDrama (Narrative)		Biography (Informative/Expository)
	Advertisements/PSA (Persuasive)		Describe/Conclude (Persuasive)
	Documentary (Persuasive)		Analyze/Conclude (Persuasive)
	Cause/Effect (Persuasive)		Analyze/Persuade (Persuasive)
	Compare/Contrast (Persuasive)		

Student-Driven Learning (E)

Who owns the choices and responsibility for planning, implementation, and assessment of this task?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Teacher takes the lead in organizing the task – the same task for all – no choices - differentiation – no student input
<input type="checkbox"/>	Teacher takes the lead in organizing the task developing multiple student choices – no student input
<input type="checkbox"/>	Teacher organizes tasks with multiple choices using student interests and differentiation strategies with student input
<input type="checkbox"/>	Students guided to take responsibility for developing OWN topic and task along with implementation and assessment

Student-Empowered Agency / Affinity (E)

What processes are targeted to increase student AGENCY / AFFINITY for activating ownership/responsibility/voice in learning?

<input type="checkbox"/>	(Topics) Students guided to take responsibility for developing OWN topic that demonstrate understanding of key concepts
<input type="checkbox"/>	(Topics) Students guided to take explore and use their individual interests in demonstrating understandings of key concepts
<input type="checkbox"/>	(Questions) Students guided to take responsibility for developing OWN reasoning questions for learning tasks/projects
<input type="checkbox"/>	(Scenarios) Students guided to take responsibility for developing OWN scenarios for roles/audiences and learning tasks
<input type="checkbox"/>	(Implementation) Students guided to take responsibility for choosing / using tools that match interest and purpose in tasks
<input type="checkbox"/>	(Implementation) Students guided to take responsibility for processes, resources and learning activities needed
<input type="checkbox"/>	(Implementation) Students guided to take responsibility for pacing, mapping goals and meeting deadlines
<input type="checkbox"/>	(Assessment) Students guided to take responsibility for designing or co-designing assessment tools for exemplar work
<input type="checkbox"/>	(Assessment) Students guided to take responsibility for formal / informal reflection DURING learning tasks / projects
<input type="checkbox"/>	(Assessment) Students guided to take responsibility for CRITICAL FRIEND feedback during learning tasks / projects
<input type="checkbox"/>	(Assessment) Students guided to take responsibility for CULMINATING assessment of learning tasks / projects

Cognitive Apprenticeship: Learner's Role (A)

Choosing roles provides context for WHY and HOW the Topic will be useful or replicate a REAL WORLD challenge or task. Who in the real-world would be investigating this question or task to develop expertise in these concepts?

<input type="checkbox"/> Actor	<input type="checkbox"/> Coach	<input type="checkbox"/> Judge	<input type="checkbox"/> Poet	<input type="checkbox"/> Park Ranger
<input type="checkbox"/> Author	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineer	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculptor	<input type="checkbox"/> Reporter	<input type="checkbox"/> Travel Agent
<input type="checkbox"/> Curator	<input type="checkbox"/> Ambassador	<input type="checkbox"/> Chairman	<input type="checkbox"/> Detective	<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Figure
<input type="checkbox"/> ZooKeeper	<input type="checkbox"/> Archeologist	<input type="checkbox"/> Mayor	<input type="checkbox"/> Tour Guide	<input type="checkbox"/> Business Person

Other (Explain below)

Cognitive Apprenticeship: Audience's Role (A)

Who in the real-world would find the investigation/answer to the question or expertise in these concepts useful or beneficial?

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Other (describe below)

Collaboration (A)

To what degree do students collaborate to design, implement and assess the learning task / project? Is there any work with experts outside the classroom planned to support the learning tasks / projects?

	Task(s) designed for individual work (none)
	Task(s) designed for small groups (unstructured teamwork)
	Task(s) designed for cooperative groups (teacher-directed, structured intra-dependence w/ designated roles)
	Task(s) designed for collaborative groups modeling real-world work (self-organizing/self-managing)
	Task(s) designed to engaged experts outside the classroom as resources to investigation and/or critical friend feedback

Cognitive Apprenticeship: Useful and Beneficial (A)

To what degree is the student product useful and beneficial to others?

	Student work not developed to be useful or beneficial beyond a learning experience for the student (no rubric or grade)
	Student work developed as evidence of learning curriculum concepts for the teacher
	Student work developed as evidence of genuine learning useful and beneficial for simulated or authentic audience

Where is technology used in the learning process? Identify specific technology tools being engaged (T):

	Communication / Collaboration - Processes	
	Pre-Planning – Meaning Making	
	Research/Investigation – Meaning Making	
	Knowledge Construction - Meaning Making	
	Media Editing / Construction – Media Making	
	Final Product Development - Media Making	
	Publishing - Processes	
	Assessment - Processes	
	Reflection/Feedback - Processes	

Overall Role of Technology Use in Learning Tasks / Projects (T)

	Literacy = Technology used but expectations for content superficial, students focused learning/practicing tech skills
	Adapting = Technology use connected to content but role of students is primarily information consumers
	Transforming = Technology use connected to rigorous content with role of students as information producers

Assessment Tools To Be Used

List and attach assessment instruments (rubrics, checklists, student exemplars) to be used to evaluate this student performance task.

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Reflections AFTER Implementation

Learning Tasks

Describe the learning experience(s) of the performance task(s) used for each part of the process chosen above – what worked? What could have worked better? Any surprises?

Technology Use

Describe the learning experience(s) of the technologies used for each part of the process chosen above – what worked? What could have worked better? Any surprises?

Final Reflection

What advice would you give yourself or other teachers to increase the quality of student work for this performance task the NEXT time it is used?