

FAST FACTS!

Challenge students to work alone or in groups to complete this fun, fast-paced activity. Here's how:

1. Use the name of a topic you want to review. For example-
REGIONS
2. Write the name of the topic vertically along the left-hand column of the page.
3. Similar to an acrostic poem, challenge students to list concepts beginning with each letter related to the topic.

Here's an example:

- R** (Tell me 3 things, beginning with the letter "R," that all regions include.)
- E** (What is one thing a region is *not*? Remember, it must begin with the letter "E.")
- G** (If we classify regions by landforms, what area of Social Studies are we using? Don't forget – this must begin with the letter "G.")
- I** (Identify two similarities between the Northeast and Northwest regions of the United States, that begin with the letter "I.")
- O** (Identify three challenges a person moving from the Southwest region of the United States to the Midwest region of the United States might face. By the way, they must each begin with the letter "O.")
- N** (Name four states beginning with the letter "N." Identify one characteristic that makes them a part of their region.)
- S** (Choose any state in the Southeast region. Explain two characteristics that make that state important to its region. Remember-the two characteristics must begin with the letter "S.")

VARIATIONS: Use this idea with anything!

For example, use with Characters in stories, reading strategies (connections, inferences, sensory images, questions, fix-up strategies, etc.) This also works nicely for end-of-the-day reflections or as an end of the year (or beginning of the year) activity!

Have students write the word *DONE* vertically along the left-hand side of their paper.

- D (What are four things you enjoyed about being in this class, beginning with the letter “D.”)**

- O (Identify two things you wish you could have changed, beginning with the letter “O.”)**

- N (What is one thing you will save in a special place at home once you take home all your school “stuff?” Remember, it must begin with the letter “N.”)**

- E (List three things you can’t wait to do this summer, beginning with the letter “E.”)**