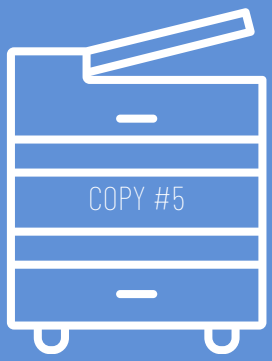
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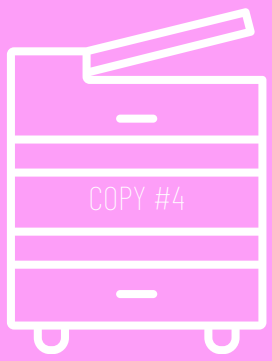
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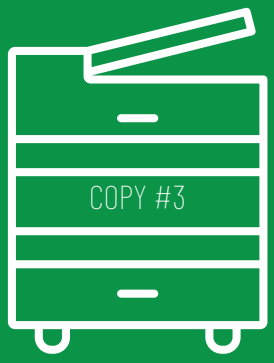
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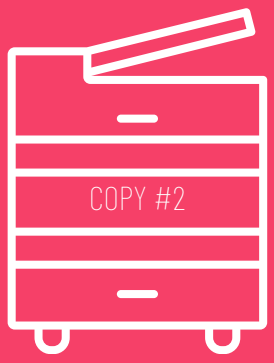
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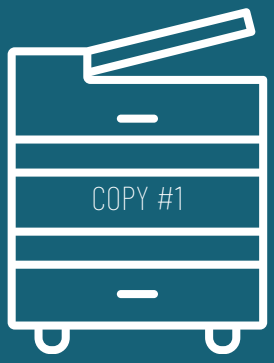
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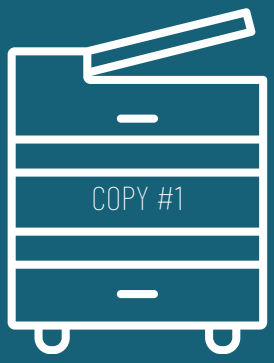
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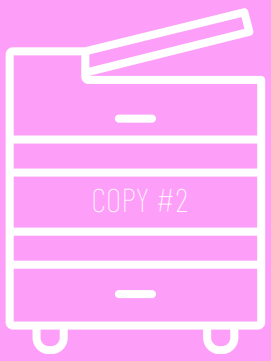
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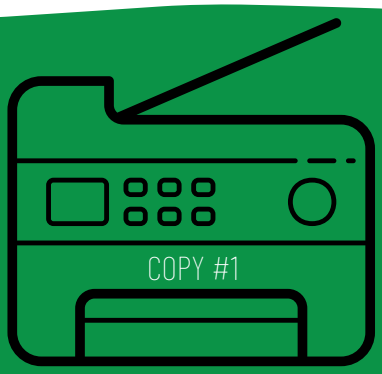
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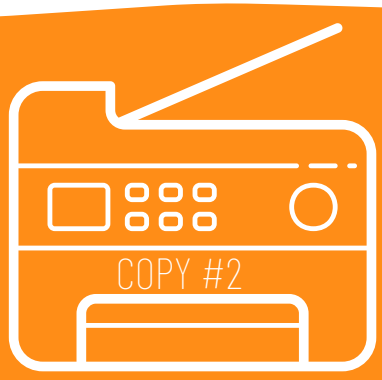
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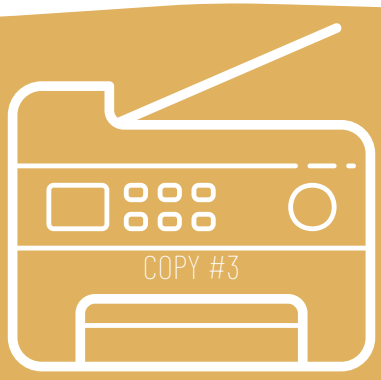
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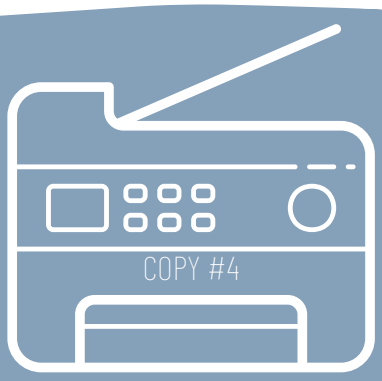
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Students Getting Antsy?

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Snowman is an island!

CULTURALLY SUSTAINING TEACHING

Students Getting Antsy?

With breaks and the holidays approaching, students may be struggling emotionally in school. Consider reviewing the Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Standards and incorporating SEL lessons into your teaching.

SEL lessons have been proven to decrease emotional distress, increase positive attitudes toward oneself and others, and reduce externalizing behaviors and discipline problems

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Snow Possible

Anywhere from 0 - 140 inches
Could start at 5, 6, 7, or 8 o'clock
Maybe today, maybe tomorrow
Temperature: Maybe 0°, maybe 80°



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Can we speed this up? I'm in a FLURRY

CULTURALLY SUSTAINING TEACHING

Consider incorporating student choice into your lessons!

This Edutopia article explains why that's not as complicated as it feels at first, and gives some great ideas on how to start!



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Want to find a way to bring in more digital content?

Check out Google Arts and Culture!

This site has virtual tours of museums and must see natural sites! You could give this as an enrichment option, or use it to support curriculum!

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CONSIDER...

Using digital escape rooms along with student choice to better support them. Having two or three digital escape rooms with different learning targets for your unit, and having the students pick which one they need most could help with both student choice and targeted instruction!

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Easier SLED than done!

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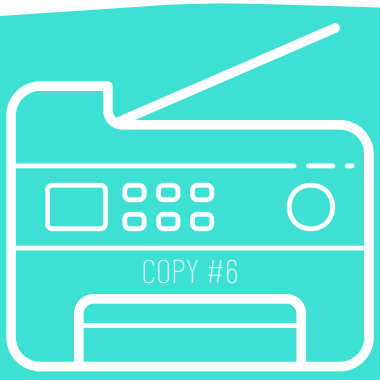
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A PEONY for your thoughts?

STUDENT COLLABORATION IDEAS

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Celebrate with the students when they meet their goals!

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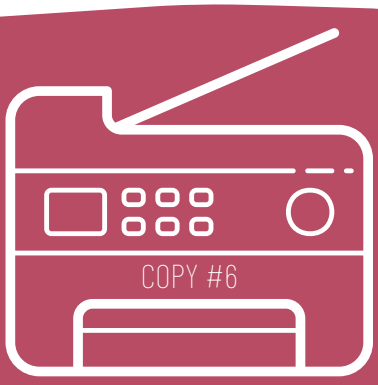
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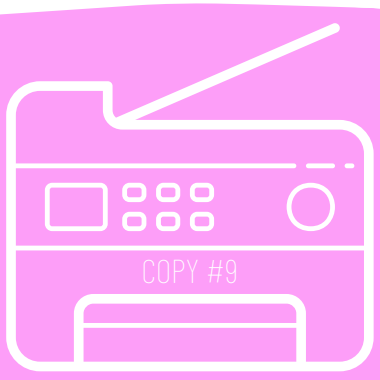
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Long THYME, no see, Spring!



CULTURALLY SUSTAINING TEACHING

Have You Noticed More Student Disengagement After Spring Break?

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Revisit community builders and gamification to reconnect your class and reduce stress. Check out **Slidesmania** for fun, free game templates!

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Want to Enhance Your Lessons with Images?

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Check out Pixabay!

It's a copyright-safe site full of beautiful, high-quality images! Perfect for spicing up notes, presentations, and worksheets.

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YEAR-END STRATEGIES

1.) Review Expectations
2.) Gamification: Quizizz, Blooket, Gimkit, Quizlet, and Kahoot
3.) Get Students Up and Moving
4.) Aim for five positive interactions for every negative one.
5.) Survey the Students.

CONSIDER...

Try structuring some lessons and assessments as **Project-Based Learning!** It's a great way to boost motivation, deepen understanding, and bring learning back to life.

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CULTURALLY SUSTAINING TEACHING

Some ideas for reviewing

Gamification can be helpful in **engaging students in reviewing**

Send a survey or poll your students to see what they feel they struggle with most **to help them with reflection**

Have them create study guides for particular units. **This helps the student making the guide, and the students who use it**



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Looking for test prep?

Check out Problem-Attic!

This site has English and Spanish versions of State tests going back many years. It can be a great resource for teachers during review. We are waiting to find out if it's Ed Law 2D compliant- but if you are interested, you could use your private email to use this,

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CONSIDER...

Incorporating a Genius Hour into your unit! This can help students reach a deeper understanding of material! Amy Wiktorowics or Amanda Johnson would be happy to help with this!

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