CHOICE ACTIVITIES

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How To Use Choice Activities

Choice. Creativity. Success.

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Introduction

What Are Choice Activites?

 We know kids thrive on choice! Activities which match their unique way of learning provide motivation to learn a new topic. Choice Activities provide the structure to allow kids to do their very best.

How Do Choice Activities Work?

 Choice Activities are versatile. You can have kids research a topic on their own and complete a Choice Activity with support from you. You can also present a lesson, read a book or watch a video on the topic and then use a Choice Activity to check for understanding and extend their learning. The great part of Choice Activities is they are open enough that students can do their own research and learn it at any level, from a very general understanding to an in-depth study.

 You can also use Choice Activities to encourage your kids to try to use a skill they are not as good at yet. For example, you can tell them they have to choose one writting activity and one art activity.

Differentiation

 We know each child is uniquely gifted and can succeed in learning. Choice Activities are very flexible in their use. If a kid struggles with writing, you can modify the requirements to shorten the length of any writing they will have to do, or you can encourage them to choose a different activity which will showcase their understanding without being heavy on the writing side. Some kids do better with presenting their thoughts in artwork or illustrations, have them do an activity which allows them to show their understanding through this modality and then have them use that completed activity as a reference for tackling another activity. For younger kids scale back the requirements and for older kids encourage using multiple sources for information.

Choice Activity Minimum Requirements

The following minimum requirements are just a starting point for your projects. They will guide you as you create a quality final product you can be proud of. If you are struggling to think of how to do a project or how it should look, do some research. Look around your house or online and see what these projects look like in real life. The inspiration might be just what you need to get started!

Children's Book	**Poster**	**Mini-Poster**
-Choose a grade level as the intended audience. (For younger kids use short, simple sentences. Older kids can read longer, complex sentences.) -At least six pages. -Front and back cover. -Color or black and white. -Large illustrations on each page.	-24 inches by 36 inches poster board. -At least 5 pieces of information. -At least two illustrations or diagrams. -Color or black and white.	-8.5 inches by 11 inches paper. -At least 3 pieces of information. -At least two illustrations or diagrams. -Color or black and white.
Collage	**Quiz**	**Test**
-24 inches by 36 inches poster board. -Print or cut out picture which go with the topic. -Arrange pictures so there is no white space. Pictures should overlap.	-At least 10 questions. -Can be multiple choice, fill in the blank or matching questions. -Must include an answer key.	-At least 25 questions. -10 multiple choice questions. -7 fill in the blank questions. -5 matching questions. -2 essay questions. -Must include an answer key.
Social Media Post(s)	**Meme**	**Write a Song**
-Include both a picture and description. -Link to where you can get more information. -Can be a series of posts for a large topic.	-Use a familiar meme or create your own on the topic.	-At least two verses and a chorus. -Can be sung and recorded or just write the lyrics.

Parody of a Song -Find the lyrics of a song and change them to tell about your topic. -Can be sung and recorded or just write the new lyrics.	**Painting/Illustration** -Using any medium and canvas size, create a painting related to your topic.	**Bookmark** -Must contain both text and an illustration/picture. -Color or black and white.
Book Cover -Must have a book title, author, illustration/picture. -Can include a pretend award the book received or review. -Color or black and white.	**Brochure** -Trifold design. -Front cover and back cover. -At least three sections with title, paragraph and a graphic. -Color or black and white.	**Board Game** -Pieces. -At least 10 action cards. -Box with cover to put all game items in.
Crossword Puzzle -At least 10 words across and 10 words down. -Include answer key.	**Journaling** -At least 5 journal entries on the topic.	**Interview** -Find a person who is knowledgeable on the topic (parents, friends, teacher, etc.) -Write at least 5 questions to ask them. -Record the response from the person. You can write notes as they talk, use a voice recorder or record a video of the interview.
Photography -Take a photo or series of photos which connects with the topic.	**Timeline** -Include at least 10 events or points on the timeline.	**Newspaper** -Name the newspaper after your topic. -At least one picture. -At least two articles with catchy headline titles. -Include at least one extra element found in newspapers (i.e. cartoon strip, advice column, sports scores, stock prices, weather, etc.)

One Paragraph -At least 5 sentences. -Topic sentence with a hook to grab attention. -Capitalization and end punctuation.	**Cartoon** -At least six panels. -Color or Black and White. -Dialog between characters or descriptions.	**Comic Book** -At least six pages. -Front and back cover. -Color or Black and White. -Dialog between characters or descriptions. -Can vary the size and number of panels on each page.
Poem -Can be free verse or using a rhythming scheme.	**Skit** -Create a script for your skit, which has all the lines people will say and stage directions which describe what the people will do. -Submit the script only or record a video of your skit.	**Scrapbook Page(s)** -Create a two-page scrapbook on your topic.