

Teacher's Guide for KWLQ Chart

Purpose

Students make notes about what they know, what they want to know, what they learned, and what questions they still have about a topic.

Time

This chart should be used before and after reading.

Classroom Setup

Independent; whole group

Materials

KWLQ Graphic Organizer, pencil

Management Tips

Create a poster of the KWLQ Chart to hang on the wall for reference.

Steps

1. Introduce the topic and have students write the topic on the top of their charts.
2. In the first column, have students record what they already know about the topic.
3. In the second column, have students record what they want to know about the topic.
4. Have students read the texts about the topic.
5. In the third column, have students record what they learned about the topic.
6. In the fourth column, have students record questions they still have about the topic.

Variations

- Color coordinate each section.
- Have students use sticky notes to identify each section.
- Allow students with lower levels of writing ability to draw their responses.
- Have students discuss each column in small groups before recording their answers independently.