

Collaborative Poster

Students are given time to think individually about how to represent on a collaborative poster the concepts being studied by the team. As groups plan and create their poster, a rubric is essential to ensure that they discuss the concepts, stay on task, and use images to highlight main ideas rather than merely to decorate the poster.

Each student in the team uses a single marker, of a different color from any other team member's, for his or her work on the poster, as well as for signing the poster when the group agrees that it is complete.

The first time students do a collaborative poster, they should have 30 minutes to complete it, but no more. After 30 minutes, post the posters as they are and have students assess them. Teams may revise their posters on their own time. Decrease the time for work on subsequent poster assignments until students work within a 20-minute timeframe.

Scaffolding: text re-presentation, bridging, schema building, contextualization

