

Provide multiple entry points into every subject or lesson.

Every student who comes into your class has personal interests, experiences, and abilities that he or she can use to succeed in school and life. Yet kids often do not know their own strengths and needs; nor do they know how to use them to learn. Here are a few approaches you can use to help students connect with what you teach:

1. **Analogies**: Make comparisons. Daily life in the Civil War was like...(Social Studies)
2. **Stories**: Tell a story about a certain experience, focusing on the choices you had to make along the way. (Health)
2. **Numerical Representations**: Have your students examine what happened during the Depression by graphing data. (Economics)
3. **Visual explanations**: Challenge your class to imagine the characters in *Othello* are on a football team and then describe the role of each character. (English)
4. **Dramatic Interpretations**: Have students role-play a Supreme Court case based on a constitutional amendment you are studying. (Government)
5. **Essential questions**: Ask the big questions, such as "Why do living creatures have to die?" (Biology)
6. **Hand-on or manipulative techniques**: Have students design and build a city or structure using the shapes and concepts we have studied lately.