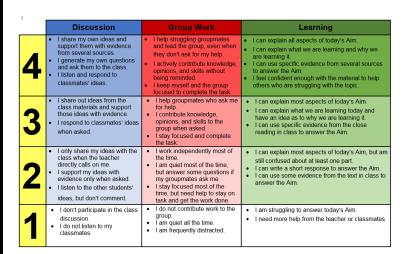


Mr. Barge's Instructional Tip of the Week! – Student Self-Assessment

I'm always looking for ways to empower students in my class and have them take ownership over their learning. Whenever we work in Presidential Teams (strategic groupings), students are not only are given a specific task, but they are asked to self-asses the group performance using the rubric that Mr. Anderson, one of our Peer Collaborative Teachers, shared with the staff last year. There are three color coded rubrics (see below). Our task helps us to determine which rubric we can use. As I am "circulating with a purpose," it is easy for the students to say that they are "at a 4"

(highest rating on the rubric). Needless to say, having groups explain why they think they are at that level will determine whether their self-assessment is accurate, whether the communication within the group is effective, whether students are learning and what next steps I can provide to help groups move forward. I have also included a brief self-assessment check on students' HW Packets to help them reflect on the unit that we are learning. This is another way that students can reflect on their learning and progress. Tomorrow (3/28), we will have a 30 minute professional learning session in the library on student self-assessment practices (@8:15am). I look forward to sharing some of the student self-assessment techniques that I use as well as hear some of the wonderful practices that you would like to share, and celebrate, with your colleagues.



Self-Assessment Rubric

When students are working in groups, I write the rubric color that students should use on the board:

"Today we are going GREEN!" as an example

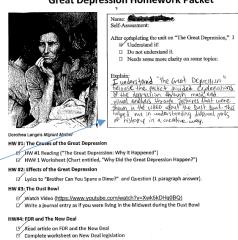
Great Depression Homework Packet



Read article on FDR and the New Deal Complete worksheet on New Deal legisla HW Packet cover sheet for the unit on the Great Depression with selfassessment.

Student submitted completed HW Packet with self-assessment

Great Depression Homework Packet



... because at Edward R. Murrow High School, we CARE about our students!