

Anchor Activity

An Anchor Activity is a strategy that allows students to work on an ongoing assignment directly related to the curriculum that can be worked on independently throughout a unit or a semester. An Anchor Activity is a logical extension of learning during a unit, an elaboration of important goals and outcomes that are tied to the curriculum and tasks that students are held accountable.

The purpose of an Anchor Activity is provide meaningful work for students when they are not actively engaged in classroom activities (e.g., when they finish early, are waiting for further directions, are stumped, first enter class, or when the teacher is working with other students.)

Benefits of an Anchor Activity

- _ An Anchor Activity can be used to differentiate activities on the basis of student readiness, interest or learning profile.
- _ Anchor Activities allow students time to work on independent research, to work more in depth with a concept, enrich their skill development.
- _ Anchor Activities can be used as a management strategy when working with small groups of students.
- _ Anchor Activities can be a vehicle for making the classroom more student centered.

