

Quick “Go To” In-Class Learning Activities

The following are a few quick, easy, simple ways to engage students mentally, emotionally, or physically that do not require much planning and that you can do in almost any class lecture. List them here and put this up in your office where you can see it to remind you to rotate these into your lectures.

1. **Think, pair, share** (“Think about this, get with your neighbor, and share your thoughts...”)
2. **Concept expert** (“One of you is responsible for reading [this], one for [that], and then get together and share/compare what you’ve learned”)
3. **Compare notes with your neighbor** for clarity
4. **Brainstorm a solution** (“With a partner write down two different ways this problem could be fixed...”)
5. **Deconstruct an argument** (“What are the flaws or holes in this argument...”)
6. **Unscored in-class multiple choice question** (“Which answer would you pick and why...”)
7. **Fill in the blank quote** (example: “Life is incomplete without _____”)
8. **Summarize a concept** in 10 words or less
9. **Recite something together** out loud or from memory
10. **Show a video clip** (“Watch this video and look for...”)
11. **Analyze a picture** (“What does this picture make you think/feel/remember...?”)
12. **Make a metaphor** (“Think of a metaphor for this concept or something to compare it with...”)
13. **Give a case scenario** (“Which one of the following three scenarios is most likely to...”)
14. **Personalize/modernize it** (“Write/discuss how you would react to this and why...?”)
15. **Create a test question** (“Take a minute and create a test question for this concept...”)
16. **Poll the class** by raising hands
17. **Shout out “yea” or “nay”** for agreement/disagreement, or clap or boo
18. **Have students stand up or sit down** to show a statistic
19. **Google doc questions/comments** (all can type in thoughts/questions comments)
20. **Biggest take away:** At the end of class tell your neighbor the #1 take-away from today

My Go To Activities

From this list (or from others not listed) write down FIVE “Go-To’s” that are quick, easy, and comfortable ways for you to engage your students mentally, physically, or emotionally in your lecture that you can use and re-use:

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- 3.
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