

Curriculum Overview

When designing your ten-week curriculum, it is important to assess the needs of your students. One effective method of designing a curriculum is through a conceptual theme. By choosing a theme you will be able to clearly connect each lesson to the one before it and help your students relate new ideas to their preexisting knowledge. This worksheet is an opportunity to reflect on what you observed in your classroom. As you design your curriculum, consider the interests of your students, how your students function in their school environment and do not focus solely on what may be lacking from their scholastic experience but also take note what resources are available and what is working well.

Brainstorm themes below:

Consider materials you may want to use with your students. How can you connect these materials to this theme?

List both long-term and short-term goals and desired outcomes for this project. Look at the California state standards for your grade level when considering these outcomes.
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/vamain.asp>

Consider your listed goals and outcomes. What projects might aid you or your students in reaching these goals?