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Free Tools: Amplify Student Choice and Voice

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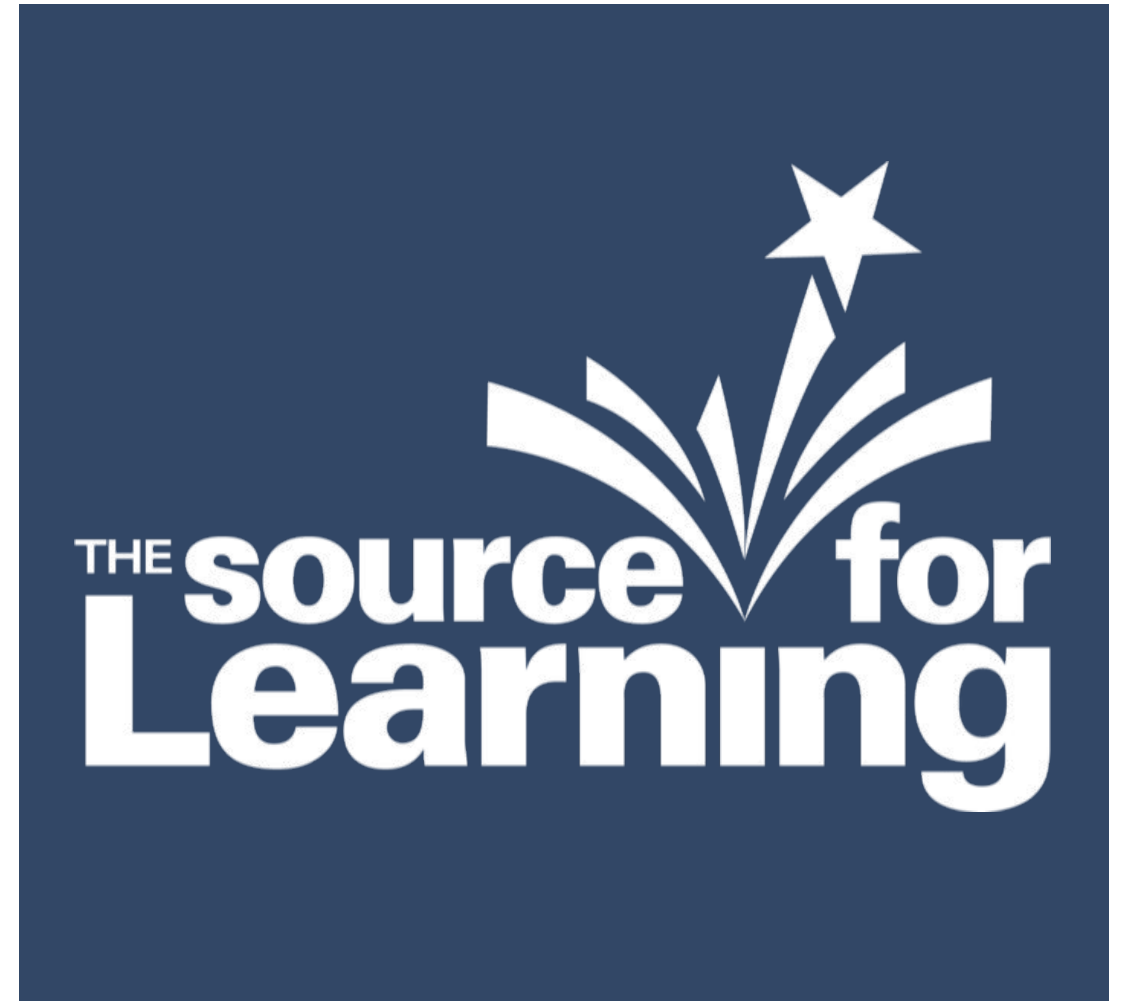


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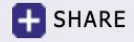


Resources for Today's Session

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Blooket is a digital review game built for classroom use. Educators create game sets, and students join on their device to play a variety of game options using the provided code. Games include options for solo or group play. Build sets using your own questions or search Blooket's library to find games created by other educators. Save favorite sets to your account for later use, then duplicate sets and edit to fit your needs when ready to play. Blooket also offers the option to import quizzes directly from Quizlet, [reviewed here](#). As students join a game, they choose a Blook, a character that serves as an avatar. When ready, choose the "host" option to begin play by selecting a game mode and following prompts. Some games offer the ability to assign homework, allowing students to complete the game within the selected time frame.
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IN THE CLASSROOM

Discover and use Blooket's many engaging games as a resource for practicing and reviewing information within any area of content. Use the score results to provide feedback for guiding further lessons. Some games are more fast-paced than others; use this to your advantage by sharing different versions for different groups of students. Use Blooket to differentiate instruction by adjusting the difficulty of question sets based on student abilities. Introduce new content using Blooket as a pre-assessment before starting any new unit. Use Blooket as an ice-breaker or get-to-know-you activity at the start of the school year or at the beginning of a new semester to build comradery within your classroom.

Edge Features:

Requires registration/log-in (WITH email)

Products can be shared by URL

Includes teacher tools for registering and/or monitoring students





Media Collections:

- Special Topics Collections
- Edge Resources



Think About This...

What is our WHY?

- The challenges we face.
- The opportunities that we have.



Core Principles of Students-Led Learning

1. Student Choice and Voice
 - Choice in topics, methods, and pace
2. Real-World Connections
 - Authentic problems and community partnerships
3. Ownership & Responsibility
 - Setting goals and reflection



Multiple Ways to Demonstrate Understanding

- Telegra.ph
- Just Paste It
- Write Reader
- Adobe Podcast
- Adobe Video Maker
- Padlet

Create a Project!

Try out one (or two) of the tools that have been shared. The links are on the resource page.



Strategy 1 - The Choice Board Approach

- Menu of learning activities
- Create 9-12 activity options to cover different learning styles
- Provide clear rubrics
- Allow students to propose their own ideas

- Demo - Magic School



Strategy 2 - Passion Project Fridays



- Dedicated time for students to pursue individual interests
- Require curriculum and standards connections
- Provide mentorship and resources
- Demo - Genially

Strategy 3 - Problem-Based Learning Cycles

- Identify real-world problems in your community
- Provide scaffolding and check-in points
- Let students choose which problem to tackle
- Demo - Kialo Edu





Real Life Project Examples



Elementary

Community Helpers Investigation

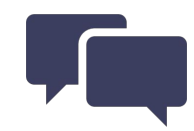
- Students choose a community helper to study.
- Interview professionals in that field.
- Social studies, reading, and speaking skills



Middle School

Sustainable School Initiative

- Teams tackle different aspects.
- Conduct research and gather data.
- Science, math, social studies, and communication



High School

Social Justice Documentary

- Students choose issues they're passionate about.
- Research historical and contemporary perspectives.
- History, English, and civic engagement

Strategy 4 - Student Led Conferences



- Students present their learning to parents and teachers
- Provide templates and reflection guides
- Schedule regular conference opportunities.
- Train students in presentation skills



Try it out!

- Magic School
- Genially
- Kialo Edu

Project Management Tools

Additional Tools to Consider (links are on the resource page)

- **Trello** or **Todoist** for organizing
- **Google Workspace** or **Padlet** for Collaboration
- **ScreenPal** or **Padlet** for Reflection

Creation Tools

Additional Tools to Consider (links are on the resource page)

- **Canva** or **ClassTools** for visual designs
- **Scratch** for coding projects
- **Adobe Express for Education** or **ScreenPal** for video creation

Research and Presentation Tools

Additional Tools to Consider (links are on the resource page)

- **Wakelet** or **Padlet** for curating resources
- **NearPod** or **Genially** for interactive presentations
- **Mentimeter** or **Vevox** for real-time feedback



- What excites you most about student-led learning?
- What's your biggest concern about implementation?
- How might this approach transform your classroom culture?



Reflection Questions

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Remember -

Every student has the capacity to drive their own learning. Your role is to create the conditions, provide the tools, and believe in their potential.





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