

ACTIVE LEARNING AND CRITICAL THINKING ACTIVITIES

The list below is classroom activities to promote active learning and critical thinking in your classroom. This is a compilation of ideas from ISU faculty. The hyperlinks lead to more information on the Web.

1. Games (e.g. [Who Wants to be a Millionaire,](#))
2. [Write a question](#)
3. [Graphic representation](#)
4. [“Caucusing”](#)
5. [Small group discussion](#)
6. [Large group discussion](#)
7. [Student demonstration](#)
8. [Jigsaw reading](#)
9. [Video presentation](#)
10. [Written or oral reflection](#)
11. [Fishbowl discussion](#)
12. [Debate](#)
13. [Panel discussion](#)
14. [Student-created cases](#)
15. [Think-pair-share](#)
16. [Student-generated questions](#)
17. [Guest speaker](#)
18. [Video/podcast/YouTube](#)
19. [Interview](#)
20. [Trial](#)
21. [Poster presentations](#)
22. [Classroom Assessment Techniques \(CATS\):](#)
23. [Clickers!](#)
24. [Formal Assessment](#) (exams or quizzes)
25. [Field trips](#)
26. [Role playing/dramatizations](#)
27. [Experiential Learning](#)
28. [Peer Response](#)
29. [KWL](#)
30. [Service Learning](#)
31. [Teaching Experience](#)
32. [Group Quiz](#)
33. [Job Shadowing](#)