

ABC Taxonomy

Description:

A taxonomy is an alphabetical list of terms related to a topic or subject that develops skills of categorization. Taxonomies assist students with the following skills:

- organizing prior, ongoing, and new knowledge
- expanding vocabulary
- taking notes
- focusing on a topic
- building a personal thesaurus





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How to Use the Strategy:

1. Choose a topic or subject that students need to categorize.
 2. Hand out an ABC Taxonomy to each student.
 3. Students individually fill out the ABC Taxonomy. Students should think of a word that begins with each letter of the alphabet that relates in some way to the topic/subject. (1 minute)
 4. Students should now share their ABC Taxonomy with a partner (2 minutes)
 5. Students should now share their ABC Taxonomy with their table group, and use their taxonomies to create a unified definition (meaning) of the topic/subject (5 minutes).
 6. Each group presents their definitions/meanings to the whole group.
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