



## **We Are CREATORS!**

### **Encourage creativity by making learning HANDS-ON!**

Benjamin Franklin once said “tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.” Hands-on learning is a great way to apply a creative twist to traditional course content and engage students on a deeper level. Here are some ideas by subject area:

**English:** Rather than asking students to read class texts at home, incorporate a group reading session into each class. Ensure that every student is selected as the daily reader at least once.

**Media/ design:** If students are learning about a “real world application” wherever possible skip the theory and get them to dive into the real thing. For example, rather than teaching students about the basics of web design in a media class, make use of websites such as [Squarespace](#), [Wix](#) or these online resources to encourage students to create a site for something they’re passionate about.

**Math:** Ever considered using Beyonce and Jay-Z to teach perimeter or teaching velocity by asking students to build paper airplanes and use calculations to predict their speed? There are some excellent practical math ideas on [this list](#) generated by teachers who have used them with success.

## Challenge students to have meaningful conversations and discussions

Channeling meaningful discussions can provide students with an arena to express new ideas and voice their opinions. The best part is many times, kids are learning from you and one another through these conversations.

- It gets students thinking more critically about the material.
- It challenges them to listen to other students' opinions and think critically about their contributions and ideas.
- It gives them the opportunity to challenge each other intelligently and build off of each other's ideas.

Think about incorporating a reflective session 10 minutes before the end of a class discussion, or ask a student to present their ideas to the class. Use the graphic to the right to help guide discussions.



### **Suggested picture books for Creators:**

*Beautiful Oops*, by Barney Saltzberg

*Faces*, by Zoe Miller and David Goodman

*The Dot*, by Peter H. Reynolds

*Ish*, by Peter H. Reynolds

*Colorful Dreamer: The Story of Artist Henri Matisse* by Margorie Blain Parker

*I've Painted Everything* by Scott Magoon

*Looking at Pictures*, by Joy Richardson

### **Suggested books for older Creators:**

*The Artist's Way*, by Julia Cameron

*Contagious: Why Things Catch On*, by Jonah Berger

*Creative Confidence* by Tom Kelly and David Kelly

*The Writing Life*, by Annie Dillard

**\*Remember Older Creators often love picture books! Let them read – sometimes it sparks creativity!**