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OVERVIEW

This series highlights a “tool” from our Toolkit for Student Success in the Classroom. Each newsletter contains resources that are ready for you to try in your classroom! Try this innovation just once - a small change might have a big impact on student learning!

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COGNITIVE AND EXAM WRAPPERS

Exam or Cognitive Wrappers are a reflective activity that “wrap around” an assignment to help students plan for or reflect on how they can improve their performance.

Often when students receive back a graded assignment, they focus on a single feature – the score they earned, which can lead students to miss out the learning opportunities self assessment can provide. Cognitive and Exam Wrappers are tools to assist students in focusing on the process of learning.

These wrappers can be given to students before an assignment to help them prepare effectively or completed after an assignment so that students can reflect on their experience.

COGNITIVE AND EXAM WRAPPER TEMPLATES TO TRY!

- RCHSS Pre-Test Exam Wrapper
- RCHSS Post- Test Exam Wrapper
- RCHSS Pre-writing Wrapper
- RCHSS Post-writing Wrapper
- RCHSS Discussion Wrapper