

Three Tips for Great Formative Assessment

You know what I love about formative assessment apps, they're like an energy drink for your lesson.

True, but like with energy drinks the buzz doesn't last long and learning can only go so far.

Yeah, I'll give you that kids do have a tendency to finish the quiz and just move on, the whole thing ends up being more formative for teachers and for students.

Yep. If you want to push learning further you got to show them that it's not the quiz that counts but the thinking that happens after

that has a nice ring to it but what would that actually look like,

Whoa, listen, I'm just the ideas guy. You're the one who actually does the work.

Okay ideas guy you've inspired yourself.

Start with a quiz but then do a quick online poll about the quiz right after. Use your app's polling feature to gauge how students feel about how they did.

Yeah makes sense you could ask stuff like how hard was the quiz How confident are you feeling Did you feel prepared. You could also use the responses to differentiate future lessons or match up students who could support each other.

Here's another idea, get a discussion going after a quiz that focuses not just on what happened. But what to do next.

Right, students are feeling less confident to talk about what is challenging and zero in on specific ways to improve

and more confident students could talk about how to push their understanding, even further.

That's cool because it would really shift the focus with scores and grades to honest self assessment.

Okay, one more tip. After a quiz give students one or two short prompts that look to the future, something like, what do you still need to know, or what do you want to know more about and ask them to respond to questions of their own,

that's great because you're basically getting students to articulate their learning goals and motivating them to go out and find the answers.

It's a bit more inquiry based and it'd be a great way to kick off some project based learning.

three solid suggestions and here's the kicker, they really make use of all the apps features quizzes to hook students and check understanding polls to gauge confidence discussions to self assess and ask questions in real time data to differentiate are

not bad, right. Not bad.

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