



Thin Slides Protocol

A fast-paced activity where students create a single-slide response with minimal text to summarize their thinking, then quickly present it to spark discussion and deepen understanding.

What is the Thin Slides protocol?

Thin Slides is an adapted EduProtocol that is implemented in the classroom to consider what the student already knows about a topic and to further assess what the student hopes to learn. Thin Slides have been strategically designed to be simple and quick: each student creates a Google Slide with one picture and one word. From there, students present their single slide in a 5-second presentation.

How it fits with the National Constitution Center's Framework



Historical Foundations through Storytelling: Students can develop a Thin Slide to share what they hope to learn from a story or demonstrate what ideas they already know related to the shared story.

Constitutional Thinking Skills: After reading and annotating a text, have students create a Thin Slide to demonstrate comprehension.

Civil Dialogue & Reflection: Use Thin Slides as a debrief after a civil dialogue and discussion.

How to use it with students

To use Thin Slides in the classroom, teachers should both model and explain how to create the slide and what the presentation should look and sound like. [Here's a link to the Center's templated version of Thin Slides.](#) Once students understand what they are supposed to be doing, they should be given 5 minutes to create their single slide and upload it in a larger Google Slides deck. The subsequent 5-second presentations can take whatever format the teacher desires.