

Creative Kindling

Step 1

Break the class into 4 groups. Give each group 5 “creative kindling” cards, be sure each group gets one of each color (a red, blue, yellow, green, and gray card) and no duplicate cards. Each table should also have drawing paper and art materials (markers or crayons or colored pencils).

Step 2

One student draws a card and reads side ‘A’ to the group: “When I grow up, I hope... [topic name] (Example: “When I grow up, I hope my community...”)

Step 3

In groups, students then take 5 minutes to discuss and write down any thoughts, words, or ideas that come to mind for their topic. Define any terms that students may be unfamiliar with conceptually. (For grades K-2, teachers may want to help students with ideas around “environment” or “community”.)

Step 4

After 5 minutes is up, students flip the card to answer the prompt on side ‘B’: How could I build/make/be/do this idea? Students then have 20-25 minutes to draw/illustrate their ideas on their own.

Step 5

Repeat! There are 5 topics in total, have your class complete as many as time allows. When a topic is complete, have students display or share their ideas with the class!

Items needed

5 sheets of paper/student

Art materials (markers or crayons or colored pencils)

Creative kindling bag from teacher kit (bag contains 5 double-sided creative concept cards)