

generate interesting activities for stations, but it takes a bit more work to create learning experiences that target important skills and competencies and allow students to learn in varied ways.

To get started, look at your lesson objectives to determine which tasks, activities and exercises will be most appropriate to assign to individual stations. Depending on what you are teaching, you may want to provide students with opportunities for skills practice, discussion, problem solving, review of new material, partner reading, product creation or tech tool exploration. These are not the only possibilities, of course, but the structure makes any of these choices easy to implement. See Table 16.1 for an even longer list of station teaching activity ideas.

TABLE 16.1
Station Teaching Mini-Lesson/Activity Ideas

Students at stations could be asked to:

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| » write poems, letters or short responses | » make a sketch, collage, painting, cartoon or drawing | » participate in a teacher-led mini-lesson |
| » develop a collaborative PowerPoint presentation with all visitors to that station | » audio record a speech, conversation or interview | » participate in a student-led mini-lesson |
| » create a blog entry | » create a video commercial related to content | » engage in a small-group discussion |
| » design a card or board game | » shoot an e-tutorial (teach a skill or solve a problem on video) | » brainstorm a list of ideas or solutions |
| » generate charts, graphs or diagrams | » complete a worksheet or problems in a textbook | » collect data/interpret data |
| » write a jingle or song | » collaboratively solve a problem | » analyze documents or artifacts |
| » write a script and act out a scene | » create a test or quiz for a segment of content | » listen to a piece of music |
| » compile a booklet or pamphlet | » write a news report/bulletin | » play or compose a piece of music |
| » generate a petition or survey | » create an advertisement, PSA or poster | » snap and edit photos |
| » design a simulation or role play | » watch a video clip on an educational website (e.g., www.nationalgeographic.com/video/) | » create a learning station |
| » compile a newspaper or newsletter | | » facilitate an activity, game or group discussion |
| » create a model or diorama | | |
| » develop a set of guided notes | | |