

# Assessment Timeline

1. Guided & Independent Practice
2. Formative Assessments
3. Summative Assessments

## Guided & Independent Practice

The following can be used as practice strategies, but can also be used later as graded assessments!

- **Read and respond-** Students read to gather knowledge, then answer questions.
- **Writing-** Students write a response to demonstrate knowledge.
- **Drawing-** Students draw a picture to demonstrate knowledge.
- **Recording (audio or video)-** Technology has made these options more accessible.
- **Think-Pair-Share-** Encourage peer interaction to promote social-emotional learning.
- **Group Discussions-** These can be small-group or whole-class and can create a more inclusive and healthy classroom dynamic.
- **Whiteboards-** Students write their responses or questions and hold them up. This can be done in game show fashion!
- **Google Forms-** Students use Google Sheets to gather and share data.
- If your school uses a Learning Management System, learn what is available to you!

### TeacherVision Tip:

Remember that assessments should track and monitor what students **already know how to do**. Students need time to practice a skill before teachers enter a grade.

Don't be afraid to change up strategies within a lesson, unit, or throughout each school year. As you get to know your students, you will discover what works best!

## Formative Assessments

Formative assessments help teachers gather data, and inform decisions on how to plan future lessons to help students learn.

### TeacherVision Tip:

Formative assessments help track student growth within a unit. They can also help identify possible inequities, or identify subgroups for better small group instruction.

## Formative Assessment Ideas

- Use any of the above Guided & Independent Practice strategies AFTER students have had time to practice and receive feedback; otherwise, they may not be successful.
- **Formative assessments**- These can be quick and short term, or intensive and ongoing.
- **Journal entries**- Students keep a log of ongoing responses, with room for teacher feedback.
- Exit slips, KWL charts and other quick response methods are perfect for the opening and closing of a lesson.
- **Use Google Forms to make a Quiz**- There are many customizable settings available, like *see missed questions, correct answers, timed allowed, edit responses* and more.

## Summative Assessments

Summative assessments come after formative assessments and provide a conclusion. They usually have more weight in the grade book and include more information.

### TeacherVision Tip:

Sometimes you may need to use the term “test” but keep in mind that traditional “tests” are not the only form of Summative Assessments available.

Using different types of assessments for Summative grading can be more engaging while still gathering necessary data from your students.

## Summative Assessment Ideas

- Guided & Independent Practice strategies can often be used for Summative Assessments AFTER students have received feedback on prior Formative Assessments.
- Customize assessment styles.
  - Multiple choice
  - Matching
  - Fill in the blank
  - Short answer
  - Extended response
  - Movie making
  - Song writing
  - Skit acting
  - Story writing
  - Poster making
  - Presentations

### TeacherVision Tip:

Remember that all grading strategies should be catered to student growth. This means you might change what you have done previously. Never abandon tried and true methods, but also be willing to try something different. You might be surprised!