

The Visionary Teacher

Using wall space to increase thinking.

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Using Visuals to support classroom organization

- ✓ *Post the rules*
- ✓ *Post the steps/roles to take in cooperative learning.*
- ✓ *Post seating chart*
- ✓ *Post objectives for a time period—not only today*
- ✓ *Post grading policy*
- ✓ *Post words of the week (not just the day)*
- ✓ *Post words of my subject—create a subject/topic word wall.*
- ✓ *List due dates.*

Using visuals in instruction

To introduce a lesson

Post a picture and ask students to “read” it.

- ✓ *Write questions on poster/chalkboard that the students will answer during the lesson.*
- ✓ *Make an anticipatory banner question—a BIG question they keep answering (they can post answers).*
- ✓ *List prior knowledge—start a K-W-L chart—start with the K and W.*
- ✓ *Post key vocabulary.*
- ✓ *Make a word web that begins here and continues through the lesson.*

Developing the Lesson

- ✓ *Students in pairs or trios make chart of their new learning.*
- ✓ *Post key points as you make them.*
- ✓ *Post directions for activities.*
- ✓ *Put an outline on chalkboard or chart, teacher/students provide information as they listen/read/work on project.*

Culmination—concluding with clarity

- ✓ *Post a summary statement*
- ✓ *Complete the L (K-W-L)*