

Putting it in Students' Hands: Simple Active Learning Strategies

Getting Started – <i>The first 5–10 minutes of class</i>	
1. Coordinate sign-in or sign-up sheets	
2. Distribute handouts	
3. Arrange classroom for daily activities	
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Presentations – <i>Conveying information, presenting lessons, visuals</i>	
1. Summarize outside readings	
2. Create overheads, visuals during class	
3. Run digital presentations	
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Technology Setup and Operation – <i>Equipment, instructional technologies, etc.</i>	
1. Prepare lab equipment	
2. Collect data, sampling	
3. Maintain inventory controls	
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Discussions – <i>Talking points, main ideas, creating information</i>	
1. Write notes, problems on the board	
2. Report main ideas, findings to group	
3. Conduct polls, surveys, ask questions	
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Other – <i>Course-specific activities, unique events</i>	
1. Greet and escort guests	
2. Share class notes electronically	
3. Coordinate study sessions outside class	
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Closings – <i>Wrapping up a session, preparing for the next one</i>	
1. Conduct/collect daily assessment	
2. Summarize lesson content	
3. Put equipment away	
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