

Formative Assessment Techniques

TO EMPLOY STUDENTS AS LEARNING RESOURCES FOR EACH OTHER

Preflight Checklist

Materials

- Checklist for each student
- Pen, pencil, or marker for each student

Checklists are useful for structured tasks that require the presence of essential features for the product to be considered complete and ready to be assessed. Some examples of such tasks are lab reports, display boards, and graphs.

Procedure

Before a student hands in an assignment, a partner previews her work for each of the essential features on



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the checklist. The work must be signed off by the partner before it can be submitted to the teacher. When the assignment is assessed, the pre-viewing partner is held accountable for any items on the checklist that are missing.

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Checklist for a Line Graph

- ✓ **Title:** short summary of what is in the graph
- ✓ **Legend:** tells what each line represents
- ✓ **Y-Axis:** vertical axis — starts counting at 0 and is divided into equal parts
- ✓ **Y-Axis subtitle:** short summary of what is on the y-axis — written vertically
- ✓ **Data:** the information
- ✓ **X-Axis:** horizontal axis — has numbers or names of things being compared
- ✓ **X-Axis subtitle:** short summary of what is on the x-axis — written horizontally
- ✓ **Source:** where the information was found