

21st Century Teaching: Dispelling the Myths and Getting Started

Write 1-3 things all students should know

Getting Started:

1. Start Slow and Low

- Start slow-don't try to do too much at once. Plug in one or two 21st Century Themes that lend themselves well.
- Start Low-start with something students usually have a difficult time learning; you have nothing to lose.

2. Get More Creative

- Involve students in coming up with creative ideas to demonstrate learning. What could they create? For who or what purpose? Their interests and abilities could lead to some great work!
- Add restrictions to projects. Creating confines within which students must create causes them to think more deeply about subject matter, and promotes problem-solving skills.

3. Make it Authentic

- Why are we learning this? If there is a good real-world example, mimic it.
- Find a meaningful or useful application for the new learning: is there a problem that this would help solve? Can we create something that someone could use?

4. Collaborate

- Who else would benefit from this learning? Can we involve them?
- Are there community, school, or professional partnerships that I could develop to help foster this learning?

NOTES:

Presentation: <http://prezi.com/mt8kfwbe2cyt/21st-century-teaching-dispelling-the-myths-and-getting-started/>

Resources: <http://andyhanson.pbworks.com/w/page/12989497/21st-Century-Initiative>