



Alphaboxes

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DESCRIPTION: Alphaboxes, also called ABC Brainstorm or ABC Chart, is a type of graphic organizer that is versatile and can be used for activities such as brainstorming, reviewing and pre-reading, during reading and post-reading activities.

EXAMPLE ACTIVITIES: Each student will need one copy of the Alphaboxes Activity Sheet. For pre-reading activities students can identify what they already know by writing key terms or sentences into the box which corresponds with the first letter of the word or sentence. During reading students can identify keywords or concepts and write them in the appropriate box. After reading allow students to think-pair-share by comparing Alphaboxes.

THESE ACTIVITIES ARE ALIGNED TO THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS:

AFNR Performance Element

- CS.01 Premier Leadership: Acquire the skills necessary to positively influence others.

NASDCTEc

- AGC02.01 Use oral and written communication skills in creating, expressing and interpreting information and ideas including technical terminology to communicate technical information within AFNR.

Common Core- Speaking and Listening

- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.9-10.1.C Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that relate the current discussion to broader themes or larger ideas; actively incorporate others into the discussion; and clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions.
- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.9-10.4 Present information, findings, and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and task.

Common Core- Literacy in Science & Technical Subjects: Writing

- WHST.9.10.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
- WHST.9.10.5 Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

Common Core-Math Practices

- MP3: Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.

Partnership for 21st Century Skills

- Communication
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Initiative and Self-direction

EXAMPLE:

As a review activity, students used Alphaboxes to identify key terms and concepts in a unit on animal nutrition.

A Amino acids	B	C Carbohydrates Cellulose	D
E	F Fats Fiber	G Grains	H Hemicellulose
I	J	K Kentucky Bluegrass	L Legumes
M Minerals	N	O	P Phosphorus Protein
Q	R Ration	S Sodium Soybean Meal	T
U	V Vitamins	W Water Wheat	XYZ

NAME: _____

Alphaboxes Activity Sheet

A	B	C	D
E	F	G	H
I	J	K	L
M	N	O	P
Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	XYZ

Aligned to the following standards:
CS.01; AGC02.01; CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.9-10.1.C; CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.9-10.4; WHST.9.10.4; WHST.9.10.5; MP3