

Formative Assessments

Online Collaboration, Brainstorming, and Sharing

Formative assessments can be defined as activities undertaken by instructors and/or students that provide feedback for modifying the teaching and learning activities based on what, exactly, students are learning. If students are having difficulties, the exact nature and extent of the difficulties may signal a need to revise learning methods.

3 KEYS TO SUCCESS

Successful Formative Assessments

- Ensure that students learn what they are supposed to be learning and why they are learning it (goals, outcomes, objectives).
- Let students know where they stand with respect to the learning goals.
- Give students a path to reach course goals.

STRATEGIES

- Minute papers: Give students a minute to respond to a question, either specific or open-ended, on information covered in their reading.
- Muddiest point: Ask the students to write out what they find unclear or hard to understand.
- Exit Tickets: Students write down a comment or question about the material covered.

WALL STICKIES

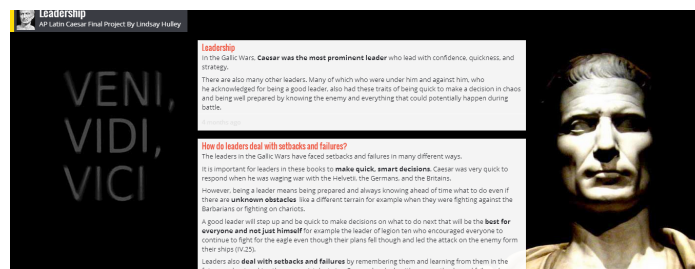
Wall stickies allow online collaboration, brainstorming and the sharing of information through sticky notes; this type of tool can include text, hyperlinks, images and video. That can be used on most devices.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) allows students to use tools they prefer and live with everyday, and the tools featured here are available on such mobile devices in addition to MAC OS and Windows.

SAMPLES OF WALL STICKIES

Padlet <http://padlet.com/> takes the concept of a blank piece of paper, and lets you put whatever you want on it and share it with people. You can drag and drop documents, images, and PDF's from your desktop to your wall. You can also copy and paste links to videos or websites as well as use your computer's camera to take a picture to put up. Lastly, you have the option to just start typing on your page and create notes on it. Check out this sample about Leadership at.

<http://padlet.com/wall/aplatinleadership>



Lino <http://en.linoit.com/> is an application that lets you put virtual sticky notes on an online canvas. After an instant signup, you get your own "canvas" – think of a bulletin board. You can, of course, create, edit, delete, and reposition notes. But you can also email them, set reminders on them, and add photos as well as text. There's a tagging facility to let you manage groups of stickies by any keyword you want. You can create new canvases, and keep them private, make them public, or share them. Check out a sample with links. <http://elearning.uaf.edu/go/lino>

