

FIVE E's OF LEARNING

Think of an event, topic or situation individually, in small groups or as a class.

- Identify aspects of it that are of interest.
- Then begin investigating the aspects using the Five E's of Learning – Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, Evaluate.
- This Learning and Thinking Strategy provides a logical and structured pathway to follow.
- Combine the Five E's with a Learning Jigsaw, in which small groups investigate the different aspects of a topic. Groups then combine to gain an overall picture of the topic. This exercise is a great example of effective, authentic learning.

ENGAGE

Think hard to find connections with the topic and what the topic means to you.

EXPLORE

Use your natural curiosity to decide what you would like to discover more on and explore it.

EXPLAIN

Explain the steps you followed, the thinking strategies you used and the resources that provided you with the information.

ELABORATE

Connect all the class presentations on the topic and discuss real life situations that can be related to it. Ponder further things you wish to learn about the topic.

EVALUATE

Reflect on the process and answer the following questions:

- What was the most difficult step for you and why?

- What was the most important thing you learned and why?

- How did you feel when presenting?

- What things did you enjoy about learning this way?