

My School Subjects



Length
30-40 Minutes

Inquiry Prompts

- What subjects do I learn in school?
- How are these subjects different from one another?
- What can school subjects help me learn about myself?

Before You Begin

1. Ensure that you are able to log into your student demo account on Xello.
2. Ensure that students are able to log into their accounts and access **About Me**.
3. Decide whether to take discussion notes with your class via a slide deck and project for students to view, or on a whiteboard in the physical classroom.
4. Create a Xello **Assignment**. This is where students will submit their reflections at the end of the activity.

Teaching Strategies

- 1 Display the words “school subjects,” either on a whiteboard or a slide deck. Have students brainstorm the subjects they learn in school.
- 2 Create categories for each school subject, either on a slide deck (one subject per slide) or a whiteboard (one subject per column.)
- 3 Lead students in brainstorming topics that they associate with each subject. This can either be student-led (students fill out words on each slide or at the board) or teacher-led (teacher fills out slides or columns as class discusses each word.)
- 4 Give students 5 minutes for a quick write. Students respond to the following prompt independently: which subject do you like best? Why?
- 5 In your student demo account, model ranking your school subjects. After you rank your subjects, model rating a few topics for one of the subjects.
- 6 Allow students time to log in to their accounts, rank the 6 school subjects, and rate at least three topics per subject.
- 7 Have students reflect on the following questions in the Xello **Assignment** (they should also consider what they wrote in their quick writes here):
 - Explain how you ranked your school subjects. Which subject do you like best and which is most challenging?
 - Why might your feelings about a school subject change?
 - What can the school subjects you like best tell you about yourself?

Materials Required

- Computers or tablets with Internet access
- Whiteboard and whiteboard markers (optional)

Artifacts

Students:

- rank 6 school subjects in **About Me**
- reflect on their school subjects in a Xello **Assignment**