

1 DIGITAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT STUFFED WITH TOOLS FOR MEANINGFUL REFLECTION • 1 TEACHER BUBBLING WITH ENCOURAGEMENT • A CLASSROOM OF STUDENTS PREPARED TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF THEIR LEARNING

## **Directions**

- Work with students to set goals for themselves and a rubric for their achievements. It's key to include them in this first step to begin fostering a sense of ownership over their learning objectives. Make sure they have easy, 24-hr access to their documented goals and rubrics for reference.
- Start off with a simple project on one topic area. Give the students voice and choice in the type of resources they use to research the topic, whether it be educational games, articles, or videos.
- Foster a cooperative and collaborative approach from the get-go.
   Have students start a discussion group with other students who might have more competency on the subject. Encourage them to ask questions, share ideas and resources.
- 4. Encourage students to self-reflect. Have them submit a blog post to help them take stock of what they learn each week. At the end of the term, ask them to compare their blogs and their comprehension of the topic overtime so they can see how much they've learned.
- 5. Make the final assessment of their work a collaborative effort. Work together with students to compare their goals and progress to determine their overall achievements. Survey each student asking them questions about what they learned about self-assessment and how they can improve their efforts next time.

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