

Thinking Routines. What are they?

Thinking routines are simple procedures that consist of only a few steps. They provide a framework for drawing attention to specific thinking moves that:

1. Help build understanding and drive further inquiry
2. Connect new ideas to one's own thinking

Thinking routines are not add-ons or additional activities to teach to your class, but rather **scaffold** the kind of thinking you would like to take place. They should be **integrated naturally** into your classroom practices. Therefore, choose thinking routines that work best for your classroom culture – knowing fewer routines really well may be better than using a lot and not knowing them well at all.