



Explanation:

A culminating activity is a whole-group activity where students will reflect on what they learned about the theme of Connections. Students will be able to express their creativity as they create a piece of art that will be connected to their classmates' pieces of art.

Materials:

- Blank puzzle (puzzle pieces split evenly between students and teacher)
- Colored pencils
- Black markers
- Picture frame (sized to fit the completed puzzle)

Procedure:

1. Students and teacher have circle discussion about the theme Connections.
2. Give students directions for activity.
  - a. Using colored pencils, decorate your puzzle piece to represent your character traits.
  - b. Using a black marker, write your name on your puzzle piece.
  - c. Students will assemble puzzle pieces as a group.
  - d. Teacher places completed puzzle into picture frame.
3. Allow 25-30 for students to work. Play instrumental music in the background.
4. Come back to circle to re-visit the kick-off activity chain and discuss the AOP questions.

AOP Questions:

1. How does this activity relate to our theme of Connections?
2. What did you find enjoyable about this activity?
3. How can we take what we learned here and relate it to the real world?
4. How have the connections in this classroom gotten stronger throughout the cycle of study?