

Low prep Differentiation

- Choices of books
- Homework options
- Reading buddies
- Varied journal prompts
- Orbitals
- Varied pacing with anchor options
- Student-teacher goal setting
- Work alone/together
- Whole-to-part explanations
- Flexible seating
- Varied computer programs
- Design-A-day
- Varied supplementary materials
- Options for varied modes of expression
- Varying scaffolding on same organizer
- Let's Make a Deal projects
- Computer mentors
- Think-pair-share by readiness, interests, learning profile
- Use of collaboration, independence, and cooperation
- Open-ended activities
- Mini workshops to re-teach or extend skills
- Jigsaw
- Negotiated criteria
- Explorations by interest
- Games to practice mastery of information and skill
- Multiple levels of questions

High prep differentiation

- Tiered activities and labs
- Tiered products
- Independent studies
- Multiple texts
- Alternative assessments
- Learning contracts
- 4-MAT
- Multiple-intelligence options
- Compacting
- Spelling by readiness
- Entry points
- Varying organizers
- Lectures coupled with graphic organizers
- Community mentorships
- Interest groups
- Tiered centers
- Interest centers
- Personal agendas
- Literature circles
- Stations
- Complex instruction
- Group investigation
- Tape-recorded materials
- Teams, games, and tournaments
- Choice boards
- Think-Tac-Toe
- Simulations
- Problem-based learning
- Graduated rubrics
- Flexible reading formats
- Student-centered writing formats

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