

S-T-A-R-S

A Planning Strategy for Performance-Based Assessments with Student Choice/Input

(See examples in table with "?")

Scenario or **S**ituation – Describe a real-world context for a problem, a challenge, or a complex task to be completed

Task(s) or investigation to be completed or problem to be addressed

Audience – who the information will be shared with

Roles for individuals or team members and **R**esources available to complete the task

Self-Assessment **S**uccess Criteria:

- **Content:** Major concepts, principles, or theories to demonstrate understand and make connections to Big Ideas/Essential Question/Driving Question
- **Processes** and thinking strategies (DOK) applied to complete the task(s), such as research, data analysis, creative problem-solving, design thinking, drafting a blueprint, etc.
- **Product(s)** that show evidence of what was learned (e.g., performance, product, model, teach/ inform/engage others, propose or test a solution)

To begin the PBA prompt, identify the **CONTENT** or **PROCESSES** students will transfer/apply in an authentic/ real-world **Situation**. Next, describe the **Task** students will complete. Use **"?"** to indicate decisions or choices students will make as part of the task design.

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Plan an event or class trip	Determine how best to spend or earn a given amount of money	Convince the class your plan is the best plan	?	?	Decide how to research ideas Create spreadsheet	Business plan with data, timeline Debate
A Design Challenge	Build or create a better way to _____	?	?	?	Plan, design, collect and analyze data	Build, test, and refine prototype
A "Messy Problem" in the news (e.g., A judge took a bribe ...)	Should the oath or guidelines for judges be changed?	?	?	What is in the oath a judge takes? Are there penalties?	Research points of view, past cases	Role play Public service announcement
Global Challenge	Choose one global issue -hunger, water, climate, health, etc.	?	Global /non-profit organizations	?	Begin your research with a key word search	Call to Action
Solve a Multi-step Problem	Redesign a floorplan with these criteria: Develop a thematic banquet menu	?	?	?	?	Present budget and design in support of proposal
Create an alternative solution or model	Choose an environmental problem	?	Identify competing perspectives	Content specific or choose from 1-3 options	Analyze case study and related data	?
Inquiry-Based Investigation	Investigate something you wonder about. Here is a chance to learn more about something you are interested in.	?	Internet, Experts Primary/ secondary sources Arts, lab, or construction materials/tools	?	Research/ gather information (interview, field study, etc.)	?

Examples of Authentic Products Demonstrating Learning			
Advertisement Action plan Annotated timeline Awareness Campaign Blueprint Blog Book, Film, Music Review Brochure, pamphlet Business Plan Case study Comic strip Critique – literary, scientific Debate Demonstration	Field study Infographic, Poster Interactive map, display interview, survey, focus groups, etc. Journal – reflective, digital, interactive Game – board, digital, timed challenge game Graphic Design Graphic Novel Letter to my future self, people of the world, inventors, historians Memoir, 6-Word Memoir	Model, scale model, 3-D model One Pager Op-Ed/Opinion Piece Oral history Painting, Print making Photo essay Performance poetry Podcast Political cartoon Prototype testing Product development Public Service Announcement Research Study	Self-reflection Investigation Sculpture "Shark Tank" proposal Storyboard, Treatment Trailer Travel log, Guide Troubleshoot design TED Talk, Speech Video - museum guide, how to tutorial, mini lesson Web page, Website Write/troubleshoot computer code