

HALFWAY HANGOUT

NAME: _____

This is your "Mid-Climb Checkpoint," where you'll take a moment to look back at your learning journey in the class so far. This is your chance to pause and think about what's working and what needs adjusting.

Why: Just like climbers pause to check their gear and plan their next moves, this reflection is your opportunity to see how far you've come and what you need to adjust to keep moving forward.

Writing down your thoughts helps you see your progress clearly, recognize your strengths, and set goals to stay focused on reaching your personal summit.



Assessing Your Ascent: How far do you feel you've climbed towards your personal goals this semester? What skills have you developed that have helped you get this far?

Navigating Obstacles: Every climber encounters tough spots or challenges on the way up. What obstacles have you encountered during your climb? How did you handle these challenges, and what did you learn from them?

Strengthening Your Grip: What areas of your learning or skills have felt like gaining a stronger grip on the rock? Which part of your climb are you most proud of so far?

Self-Belay Check: Just like a climber does a self-check before a big move, take a moment to assess your own habits and focus. Are there any habits that have helped you "climb higher," and are there any you feel have held you back?

Charting the Next Steps: As you continue your climb, which skills or areas do you want to improve to reach higher peaks? Think of a few "anchor points" (small, achievable goals) to help you get there.



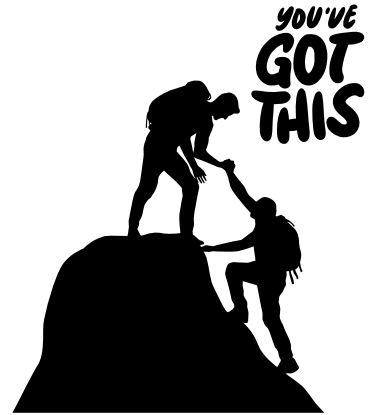
Skills I want to improve:

My anchor points (goals):

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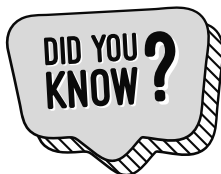
Learning, like climbing, is most effective (and often more fun) when done with others. This “Strategy Session” is a chance to share your experiences, learn from others, and offer some support as you continue the ascent together.

Why: Climbing a mountain is rarely a solo effort. Discussing your experiences with a partner not only helps you see things from a new perspective, but it also builds a sense of community and shared purpose. Developing your communication skills can build confidence and help you find new ideas to help you on your journey.



Partner Discussion Questions: Climbing Together

1. What's one accomplishment you're proud of this semester so far?
2. How would you describe your work habits?
3. What's your most effective study strategy?
4. Who do you go to for help, guidance and support when you need it?
5. What's one area you struggle with (like speaking up in class or staying focused)?
 - Is there a small goal you could set to build confidence in this area?
6. What skills or habits do you think you need to develop as you work to reach the “top of the mountain” this semester?



“Climb on!” is a phrase climbers use to signal trust and readiness. When the climber says “Climbing!” and the belayer responds with “Climb on!”, it means both are ready, connected, and committed to supporting each other throughout the climb.

This simple exchange is all about teamwork and communication ~ key elements in any successful ascent.