Lesson Plan Checklist

Use this checklist at the end of each day’s lesson preparation to ask yourself some simple questions about your next day’s lesson. This checklist will help you stay organized as a teacher by helping you make last minute changes, if needed, to make your lessons top-notch!

* **Do I have a clear objective for the lesson that students can understand?**

Example: I can give 3 reasons why the Louisiana purchase made an impact upon the US economy.

* **Is the objective of the lesson purposeful (explains the WHY)?**

Example: I can give 3 reasons why the Louisiana purchase made an impact upon the US economy and why that is important for us to understand.

* **Do I have an introduction to the lesson?**
* **Have I timed each section to ensure it’s not me talking for more than 15 to 20 minutes of the lesson?**
* **Did I include questions to ask students to check their understanding?**
* **Overall, is the lesson interactive?**
* **Is there student collaboration involved?**
* **Is there academic vocabulary I need to go over prior to the lesson?**
* **Is the lesson scaffolded for students who are English Learners?**
* **Are there accommodations for students in special education?**
* **Does my lesson have some independent study/practice or homework associated with it to give kids an opportunity to review what they learned after leaving class?**
* **Is there time during the lesson (that day) for students to practice or produce work that helps them “mentally digest” what they learned in the lesson, much like guided practice?**
* **Is there reading/writing involved in the lesson to help kids with their literacy skills?**