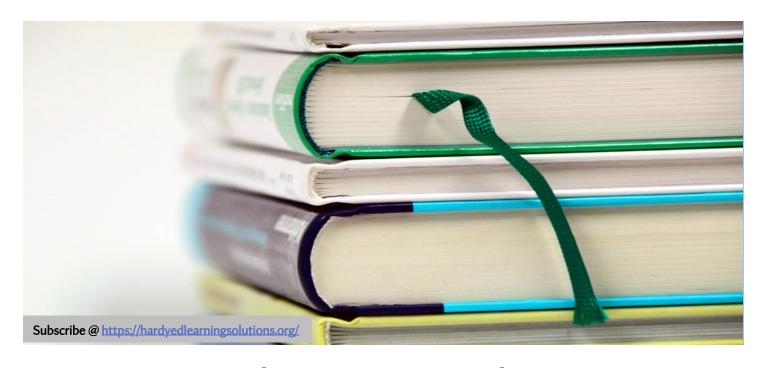
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DIFFERENTIATION: STALLED LEARNERS

Effective learning experiences cater to the diverse needs and interests of all students in the classroom. So how can we design lessons that challenge and engage both on grade-level and advanced learners in our classrooms? Differentiated instruction involves giving students challenging but achievable tasks that cater to their strengths and interests, which can improve learning outcomes.

To learn more about the two differentiation strategies that follow, visit https://hardyedlearningsolutions.org/resources and check of the free asynchronous module: Differentiation: Supporting Stalled Learners - Engaging On-Grade Level & Advanced Learners.

CHOICE BOARDS

<u>What:</u> Choice boards are visual learning menus offering students multiple engaging activities to demonstrate understanding or practice a skill. Think grids or squares filled with options!

<u>How:</u> Design the board with clear categories (e.g., difficulty, learning style) and varied activities (e.g., writing, creating, presenting). Let **students choose** a set number of activities (based on time and learning goals).

<u>Why:</u> Choice boards boost engagement by catering to different learning styles and interests. They promote ownership of learning as students make choices. They also allow for differentiation by offering options at varying learning levels.

CLICK HERE to make your own choice board in under 5 minutes!

Rock Cycle Choice Board

Option	Assignment Title	Assignment Description
А	Rock Comic Strip	Create a comic strip showing the stages of the rock cycle using illustrations and captions.
В	Rock Cycle Song	Write and perform a song explaining the rock cycle and its processes.
С	Rock Cycle Diagram	Draw and label a diagram illustrating the different processes of the rock cycle.
D	Virtual Rock Collection	Create a digital presentation showcasing different types of rocks involved in the rock cycle.
Е	Rock Cycle Story	Write a narrative story from the perspective of a rock going through the various stages of the rock cycle.
F	Rock Cycle Timeline	Create a timeline depicting the sequence of events in the rock cycle.
G	Rock Cycle Diorama	Build a diorama representing the rock cycle stages with labeled elements.
Н	Rock Cycle Quiz	Develop a quiz with questions related to the processes and types of rocks in the rock cycle.
I	Rock Cycle Rap	Write and perform a rap song explaining the different stages and transformations in the rock cycle.



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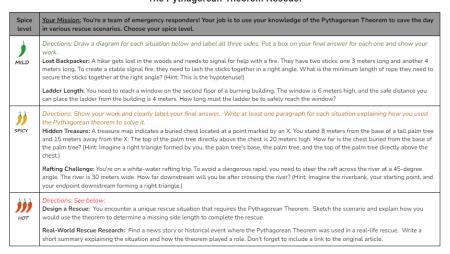
What: Tiered assignments are variations on a key learning objective to meet the needs of diverse learners. They offer options in complexity, support, or product.

How: Identify the key learning objective, then create 3 tiers with tasks that vary in:

- Complexity: Tier 1 (remember/understand), Tier 2 (apply/analyze), Tier 3 (evaluate/create)
- Support: Tier 1 (more scaffolding), Tier 2 (some to little scaffolding), Tier 3 (independent work)
- **Product:** Tier 1 (drawing/written response), Tier 2 (presentation), Tier 3 (research paper)

Why: Tiered assignments promote equity by ensuring all students learn the essential concepts at the appropriate challenge level for their individual needs. This boosts engagement and fosters a classroom environment that values diversity in learning styles and paces.

CLICK HERE to make your own tiered assignment in under 5 minutes!



The Pythagorean Theorem Rescue!

How To Make Your Own Choice Board & Tiered Assignments In Under 5 Minutes

- 1. Visit Magic Tools' Choice Board Generator (UDL)
- 2. Sign in/up (free)
- 3. Create!

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- 2. Go to Gemini and sign in/up (free)
- 3. Follow the directions in the comments of this document!