

TEACHER TO TEACHER RESOURCE: INTEREST GROUPS

1. Brainstorm topics of interest around a central theme
2. Discuss each topic, including how to find information
3. Students choose a topic from the brainstormed ideas
4. Students who chose the same topic form a group
5. Groups find and share information about their topic
6. Groups and/or individual students create a project for their topic

Examples for using interest groups:

Writing informational text

Conducting research

Literature study groups

Science investigations

Historical Era

Exploring visual representations of data (tables, graphs)