

3-2-1: It's More Than You Know

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3-2-1: How it Works



- ▶ Watch the video and write...
 - ▶ 3 things that you learned,
 - ▶ 2 things that you **found interesting**, and
 - ▶ 1 thing you still have a question about.



Rationale for Use



- Aids in student reflection by providing a structure for students to summarize, organize and integrate what they learned.
- Gives students prompts to jump start the process of reflecting.
- A formative assessment that
 - Engages students and assesses learning.
 - ▶ Helps **hold students accountable** for completing an assignment that provides additional resources for learning.
 - Allows a way for students to demonstrate how the information fits into their knowledge, that can be easily assessed by the instructor.
 - ▶ It gives the instructor the opportunity to **identify areas that need reteaching**, as well as areas of student interest.

Benefits of 3-2-1



- Embeds reflective learning practices
 - Actively analyzing experiences, in order to help your students improve and develop.
 - ► Helps develop the critical, constructive, and creative thinking that is necessary for reflective practice.
- Gives immediate feedback on what students are learning.
 - Allows the instructor an opportunity to look for patterns related to students' understanding of the course material.

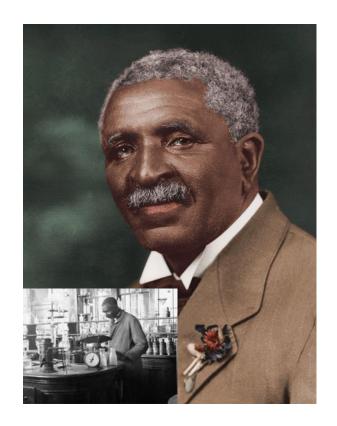
Benefits of 3-2-1 cont.



- Helps student establish a purpose for learning.
 - ▶ When students know that they will be writing a summary, they are more likely to engage.
- ► The strategy may be used to promote reflective dialogue by small groups of students.
 - ► Form small groups of students who share their 3-2-1s with each other. Students may add the thoughts shared by peers to their own 3-2-1s.

BIOL 3362 - Economic Botany, Example Assignment:

- Modern Marvels: Carver Tech, a Video on George Washington Carver
 - George Washington Carver was a slave set free with a microscope and a vision: this is his story.
 - He introduced the lowly peanut to big business and changed the course of Southern agriculture.
 - He turned soybeans into plastic and carved his place in history as one of the 20th century's greatest scientists



Student 1



3 Things I've Learned

- ▶ I learned that George Washington Carver was born into slavery.
- ▶ I learned that George Washington Carver was a professor of Horticulture.
- ▶ I learned that soy oil, made from peanuts, is being used in biodiesel technologies.

2 Things I Found Interesting

- I thought it was interesting that there are approximately 50,000 peanut farms in the United States.
- ▶ I found it interesting that peanut oil was originally marketed as a massage oil.

1 Thing I Have a Question About

► I was curious about the efforts to grow sweet potatoes hydroponically in space.

Student 2



► Three (3) Things I Learned:

- ▶ First, I learned that when George Washington Carver was an infant, he and his mother Mary were stolen from the Carver farm. His mother was never found, but baby Carver was returned to the farm. To[o] frail to work in the fields, Carver was raised inside the Carver household, which gave him free time to be one with nature and ponder many questions about it.
- ▶ Second, I learned that Carver was both the first African American student to attend Iowa State for horticulture, and, after he graduated, was then Iowa State's first African American Professor.
- ► Third, I learned that in 1937, Henry Ford invited George Washington Carver to participate in a scientific conference in Dearborn, Michigan. Ford was a major player in the chemurgy movement and one of his ongoing research projects focused on the concept of using soybeans to make plastic for car parts. Carver consulted with Ford and helped him produce a car that was made with a bushel of soybeans in its construction in the year 1942.

Student 2 cont.



► Two (2) Things I Found Interesting:

- First, I found it interesting and ironic that former slave George Washington Carver revitalized agriculture for the southern states with his research regarding the legume plants. With the South's distaste and deeply rooted beliefs of slavery and African Americans being lesser people, I think it's interesting that a former slave was the salvation for agriculture in the south. Carver was innovative and brilliant with his research in adding nitrogen back into the soil, and without his findings, agriculture in the south surely would have failed.
- Second, I found it interesting how popular peanut oil became for massage use. People would come to the Tuskegee Institute to receive peanut oil massages and would also write Carver to try and purchase peanut oil. It became a popular relief for those with muscle disorders or those effected by Polio. It was so influential that in 1942, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt made an official visit to the university to receive a treatment for his infantile paralysis.

Student 2 cont.



One (1) Thing I Still Question:

➤ Soybeans have the potential to replace their petroleum counterparts in various plastic industries. Is there a reason why soybeans haven't become a more common plastic alternative? Are soybean plastic products recyclable and biodegradable in ways fossil fuel plastics are not?

Rubric for assessment



Criteria	Exceptional	Good	Fair	Poor	Didn't Do
Things you learned	5 points	3.5 points	2 points	1 point	0 points
	Exceptionally well presented; contains	Well presented; contains three	Presented adequately but is missing one	Presented adequately but is missing	Did not do
	all three things you learned in	things you learned but lacks	of the three things you learned and/or	two of the three things you learned	
	sufficient detail.	sufficient detail.	lacks sufficient detail.	and/or lacks sufficient detail.	
Things you found interesting	5 points	3.5 points	2 points	1 point	0 points
	Exceptionally well presented; contains	Well presented; contains the two	Presented adequately but is missing one	Presented adequately but is missing	Did not do
	the two things you found interesting	things you found interesting but	of the two things you found interesting	one of the two things you found	
	in sufficient detail.	lacked sufficient detail.		interesting and lacks sufficient detail.	
Things you still have a question about.	4 points	3 points	1 point	1 point	0 points
		Well presented; contains the one	Statement made but unanswered	Statement made but no unanswered	Did not do
	the one thing you still have a question	thing you still have a question	question was easily formulated about a	question was given.	
	about in sufficient detail. Question is	about but lacks sufficient detail.	factual statement and did not involve		
	obviously based on critical analysis of	Question appears to be based on	critical analysis.		
	information given.	critical analysis of information			
		given.			
Style	4 points	3 points	2 points	1 point	0 points
	Use complete sentences that are clear	Uses complete sentences that are	Does not use complete sentence or	Sentences are clear	Did not do
	and varied in	clear	awkward wording is common or	but may lack	
	pattern, from simple	but may lack	punctuation errors are numerous.	variation; most sentences are awkward	
	to complex, with	variation; a few may		and there	
	excellent use of	be awkward and there	Indicated/labeled two of the 3-2-1	are numerous	
	punctuation.	may be a few	categories.	punctuation errors	
		punctuation error.			
	Clearly indicated/labeled the 3-2-1			Did not indicate/label the 3-2-1	
	categories.	Indicated/labeled the 3-2-1		categories	
		categories but could have been			
		done more clearly.			
Format	2 points	1.5 point	1 point	0.5 point	0 points
	Presented in Word format and	Presented in Word format but	Presented in Word format but lacks title	Not presented in Word.	Did not do
	contains title and student's name.	lacks title or student name.	and student name.		טוע ווטנ עט

Additional Video Titles

- What is a fruit? Why are tomatoes both a fruit and a vegetable?
- Agricultural Revolution
- Modern Marvel: Wheat
- Modern Marvels: The Potato
- Guatemala: The Human Price of Coffee
- Chinese Herbs and Herbal Prescriptions
- ► Henbane: The Witches Brew? Sacred Weeds
- Poison: A History of Toxic Cures-Pain, Pus, and Poison
- The Magic of Mushrooms

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