Figure 1.11: Comparing Formative and Summative Assessment

Formative

Student work
intended to preassess
knowledge and skills, establish
background knowledge
regarding a new topic that
will be addressed, or
provide practice
intended to solidify
understanding.

Summative

Student work
intended to assess knowledge
and skills that students
have had the opportunity to
practice. This work assesses
the students' ability to apply
knowledge and demonstrate
skills while providing evidence
of understanding.