

What Makes a Class Meaningful?

Students sometimes make the following statements about what makes a class meaningful to them. What makes a class meaningful to you?

Instructions: Please choose the three factors that are most important to making a class meaningful to you. If the wording doesn't quite work for you, change the words so they do work, or write your own factors.

To me, a class is meaningful when it provides opportunities for me to:

- Learn about topics that matter to me personally
- Learn about topics that matter to my family
- Learn about topics that matter in the world
- Learn about myself, my identity, and my place in the world
- Use my creativity
- Explore, experiment, and ask questions
- Build relationships with my peers
- Build a relationship with my teacher
- Develop skills that help me in other classes or in life outside school
- Develop skills that will help me be a responsible adult
- Develop skills I need to get into a good college or get a good job
- Develop skills that will help me make a positive change in the world
- See new perspectives and develop empathy
- Belong to a community
- Show leadership
- Challenge myself
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