Tool 4: Comparing Formative and Summative Assessment

TYPE OF ASSESSMENT	FORMAT
Formative Assessment	Performance Assessments
Ongoing, varied, a tool for learning and diagnosing	Essay, journal, presentation, report, diorama, poster, and so on
	Selected Response
	Multiple choice, true/false, fill in the blank, matching
Summative Assessment	Selected Response (most likely format)
A single test, usually given at the end of a lesson, unit, or semester, to measure achievement	Multiple choice, true/false, fill in the blank, matching
	Performance Assessments
	Essay, journal, presentation, report, diorama, poster, and so on