

Quick Consolidation: Personalize the Learning

This chapter was about a powerful path in your classroom—personalizing learning. The tools I present in this chapter are no secret. I'm just inviting you to choose one or two of them and make it a habit, but all of them are important assets in your relational toolbox. As you share part of your life with students, you allow them to understand your journey. Plus, they learn about the process you used, your values, and your choices. Answer the following reflection questions as you consider your next steps on the journey to making learning more personal in your classroom.

1. What did you learn about the importance of making the learning in your classroom personal that you didn't know when you started this chapter? How is your outlook changing?
2. What strategy from this chapter will you use to ensure you learn every student's name? How will you deploy this strategy in your classroom?
3. To better connect with your students, what are some items you could put in your Me Bag? How will you explain them?
4. What are some everyday problems you've experienced that you could share with your students? How might these change how your students perceive you?
5. What are some goals you have in your personal life that might humanize you in the eyes of your students and help them connect with you?