

Optimistic Closure Strategies

<p style="text-align: center;">Suit Yourself</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If you are in person, randomly pass out playing cards. ○ If you are virtual, randomly assign students to groups (or let them choose) ○ Have students share a reflection based on the suit of their card: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Heart: something that touched your heart, meant something to you ● Spade: an idea/concept you want to dig deeper into/learn more about ● Club: something that helped you grow a new perspective, thought or idea ● Diamond: a gem of wisdom you are taking from the day/class <p>Skills: Self-awareness, social awareness, relationship skills.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">One, Two, Three or A, B, C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students will reflect on the day by sharing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ONE action they will take following our time together today ● TWO moments/ideas they liked or appreciated from our time together ● THREE words to summarize what they learned <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students will reflect on the day by sharing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A: an action they will take following our time together today ● B: what they liked best from today ● C: a connection they made- could be connection to a person or to an idea Skills: Self-awareness, social awareness, relationship skills, responsible decision making. <p>Skills: Self-awareness, social awareness, relationship skills, responsible decision making.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Three W's</p> <p>Students discuss or write:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What did you learn today? ● So What? Why does it matter? How is it relevant? Important? Useful? ● Now What? How can you apply what you learned? How does it connect to other things we have learned /are learning? <p>Skills: Critical thinking, Collaboration, Communication. Creativity and Social skills.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Roll and Reflect II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have students roll a die (virtually or in person) and reflect on your time together based on their roll. Large or small group strategy. ○ Number: reflection <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1: one thing you learned 2: one question you still have 3: one person they appreciated and why 4: one sentence summary 5: one outside connection 6: one suggestion for next time you are together Skills: Self-awareness, social awareness, relationship skills. <p>Skills: Productivity and Communication.</p>

Suit Yourself adapted from <https://www.sps186.org/social/?p=125035>

Three W's adapted from <https://teachingcommons.lakeheadu.ca/sites/default/files/inline-files/40%20ways%20to%20leave%20a%20lesson.pdf>

