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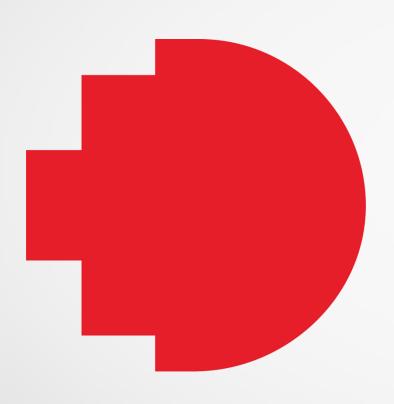
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- Opening Reflection
- Understanding Student Agency
- Fostering Student Agency
- Closing & Q&A





Opening Reflection

What does student-centered learning look like in your classroom?





Quick reflection







Understanding Student agency

What is Student agency?

How is it connected to Student-centered learning?





How are Student agency and Student-centered learning connected?



A student-centered classroom is the foundation for agency development.



Learning activities allow students to make meaningful choices.



Students progress from "participating" to "leading" their learning.



Student agency enhances the goals of student-centered learning.





Understanding Student Agency

Student Agency

- express ideas
- make choices
- take ownership





Why Student agency matters?

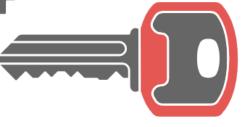
Critical Thinking

Ownership & Responsibility





Engagement & Motivation

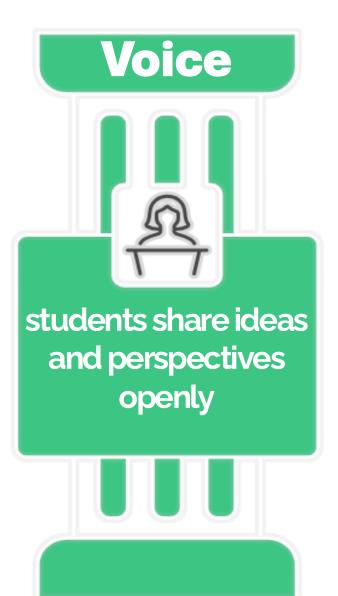


Personalized Learning





The Pillars of Student Agency











The class teacher introduces an activity: "Genius Hour," allowing her students to research any topic they are interested. Ashley, a 7th grader who struggles with writing but is passionate about marine life. She decides to create a digital storybook on ocean conservation.





Ashley's storybook



My Storybook: Save the Oceans By Ashley

Meet the Ocean

The ocean is a magical world. My friends: whales, dolphins, turtles, and colorful fish are living here.

It needs our help to stay beautiful and clean.



Hello! I'm the Sea Turtle



I love swimming around my vibrant coral reef home! It's usually the happiest place on Earth. But recently, something strange is floating into the ocean... and it is hurting my friends!

Trouble in the Sea

One morning, I saw plastic bags and bottles floating around the coral. Fish was getting trapped, and the water didn't sparkle anymore."



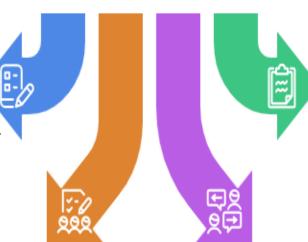




Strategies to Foster Agency

Goal Setting and Reflection

- Learning Journals
- Self-Assessment Checklists



Choice-Based Learning

- Genius Hour
- Choice board
- Free-choice reading

Student Leadership & Collaboration

- Peer Teaching
- Student-Led Discussions
- Debates

Project-Based Learning

- Community Connection Projects
- Interdisciplinary Projects

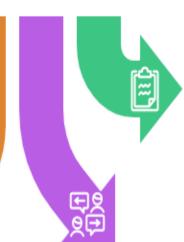




Strategies to Foster Agency

Goal Setting and Reflection

Promotes self-awareness and personal growth.



Choice-Based Learning

Encourages autonomy and creativity

Student Leadership & Collaboration

Develops leadership skills and teamwork.

Project-Based Learning

Engages students in real-world problem-solving.





Applying Agency in our Teaching contexts

Instructions:

- -Discuss for 3 minutes: In each station, discuss in your groups: How can we adapt this strategy to our teaching contexts?

 What challenges might we face?
- -Rotate: After 3 minutes, move to the next station and repeat the discussion.
- -Share: After visiting all stations, each group shares their ideas.



Key Takeaways

What is one specific step I will take to foster student agency in my classroom?

Student agency cultivates autonomy, motivation, and critical thinking.

Voice, Choice, and Ownership are foundational pillars.



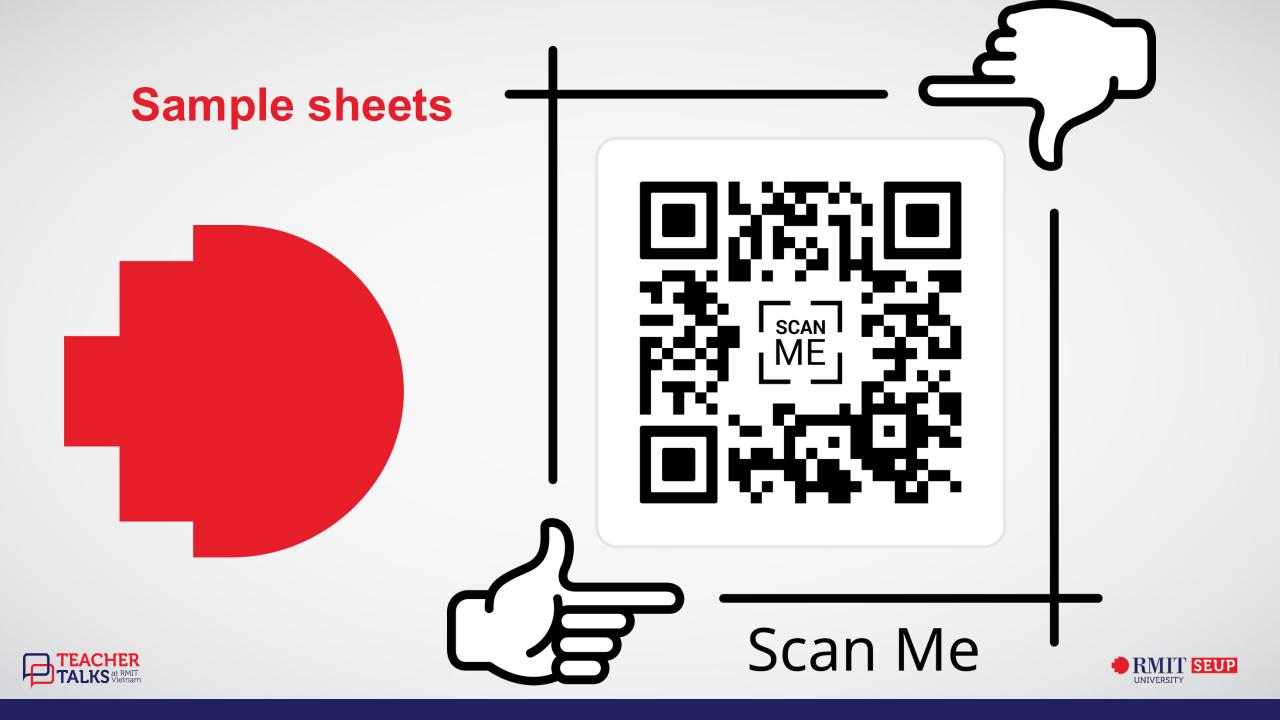




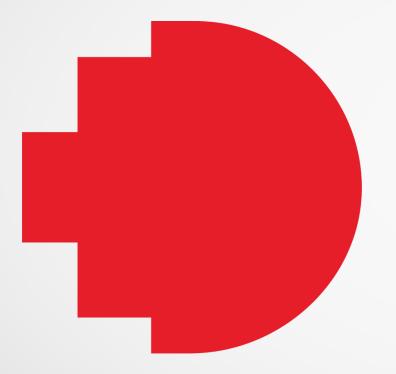
Q & A







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Thank you

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