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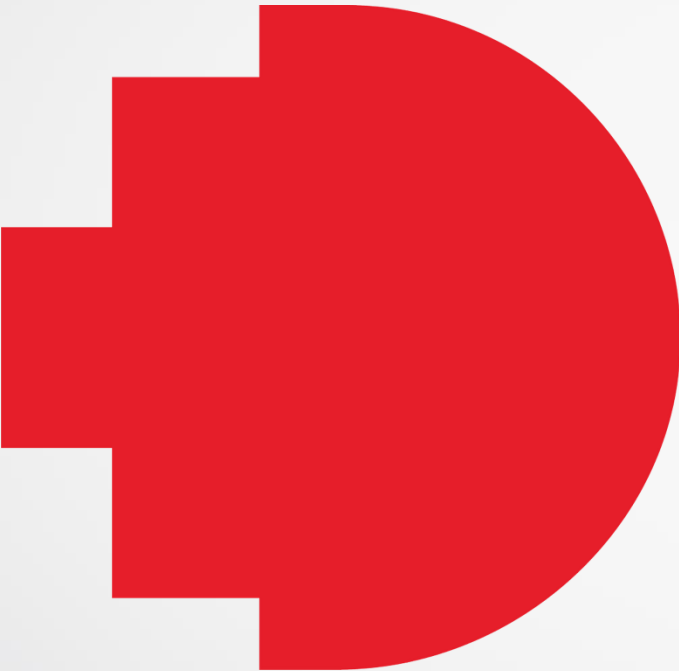
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 - Closing & Q&A



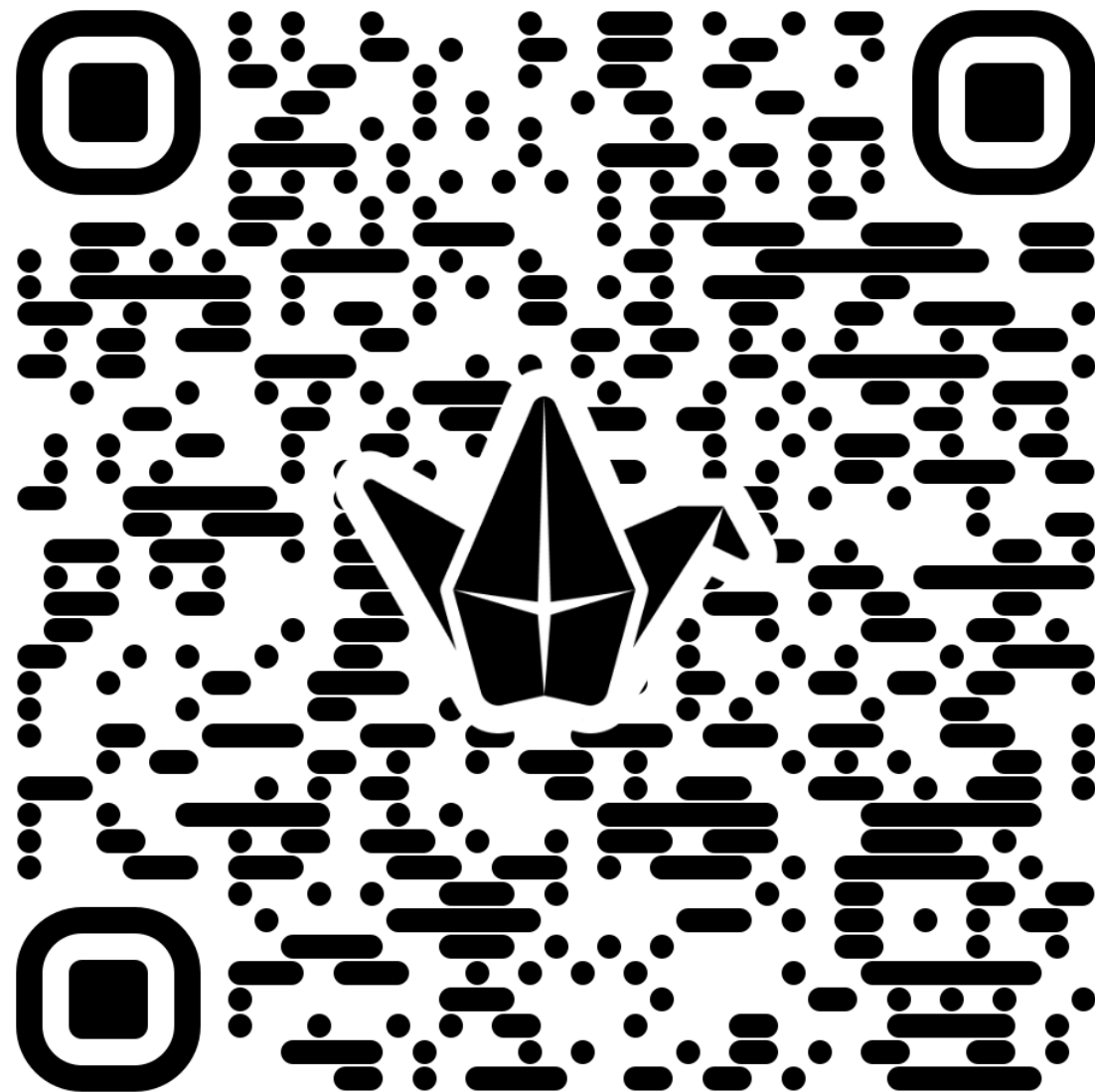
Opening Reflection

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





Quick reflection





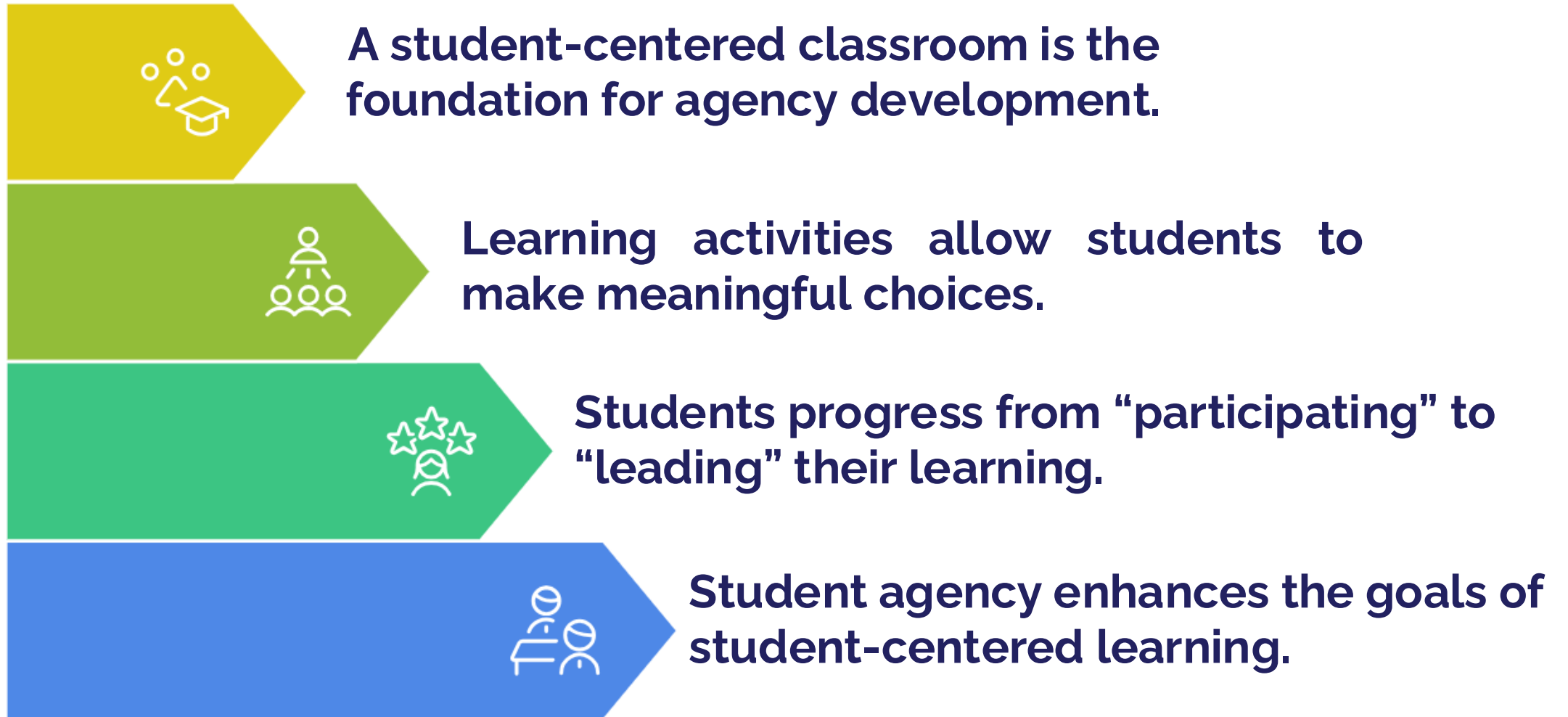
Understanding Student agency

What is Student agency?

How is it connected to Student-centered learning?



How are Student agency and Student-centered learning connected?





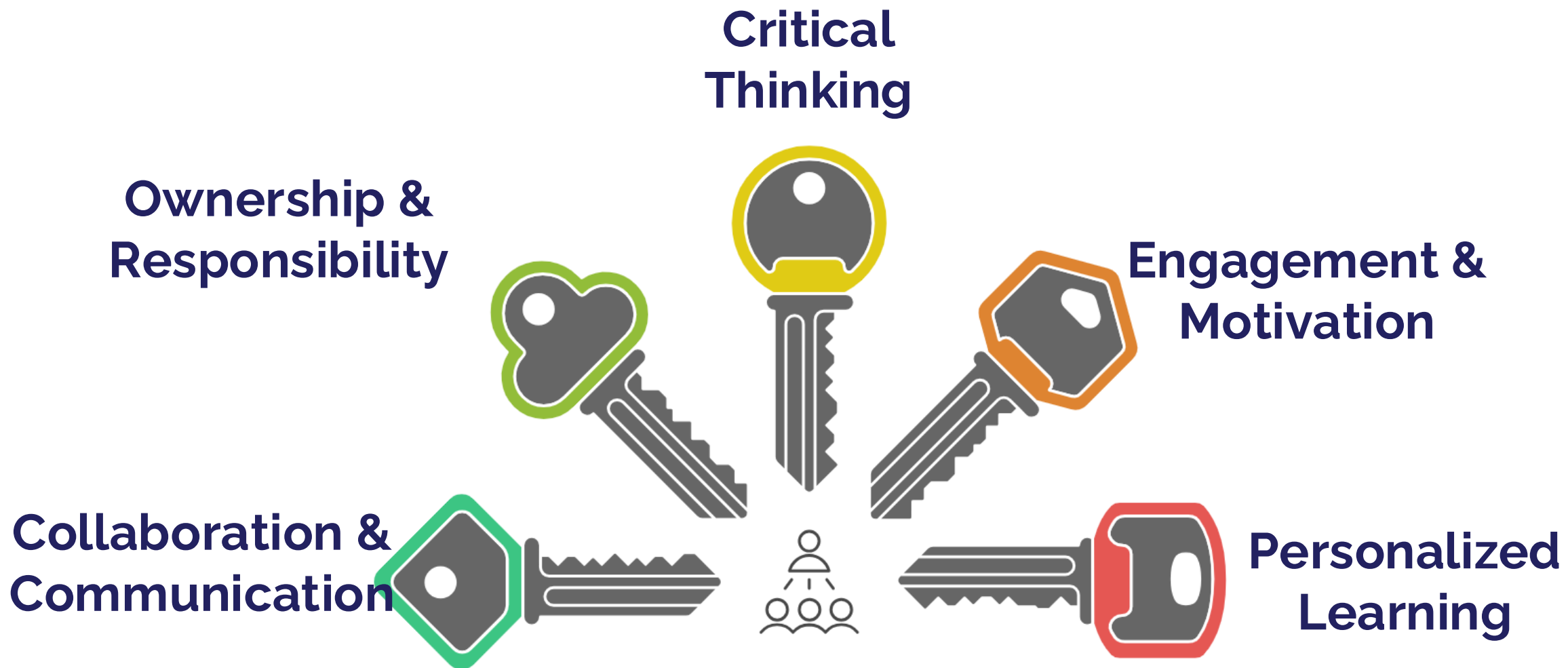
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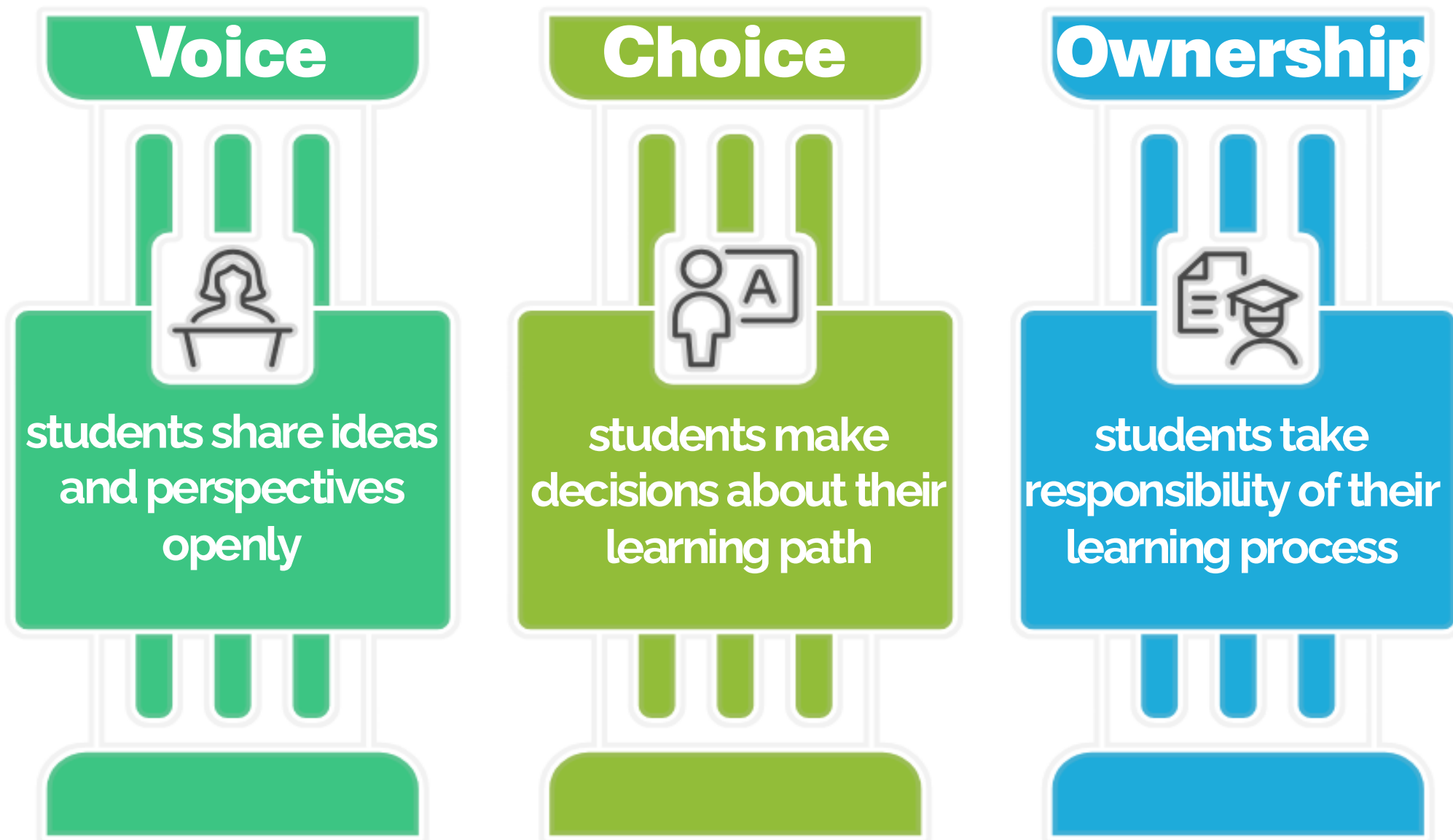
- express ideas
- make choices
- take ownership



Why Student agency matters?



The Pillars of Student Agency





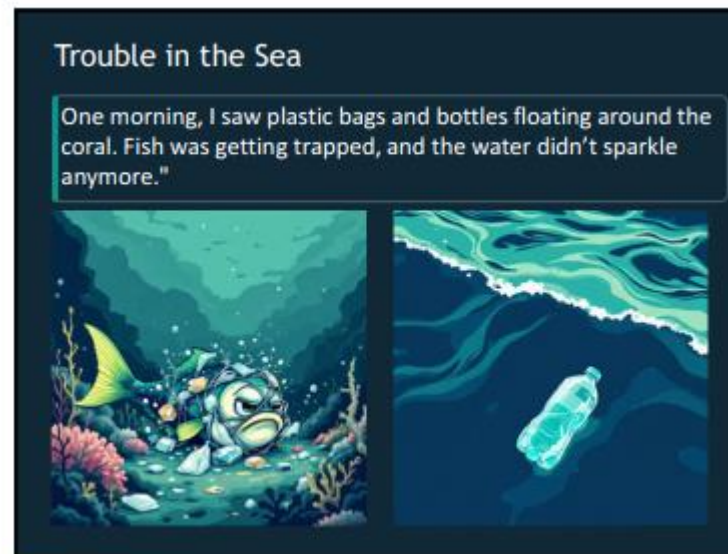
The class teacher introduces an activity: "*Genius Hour*," allowing her students to research any topic they are interested.

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





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.





Group Activity

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.

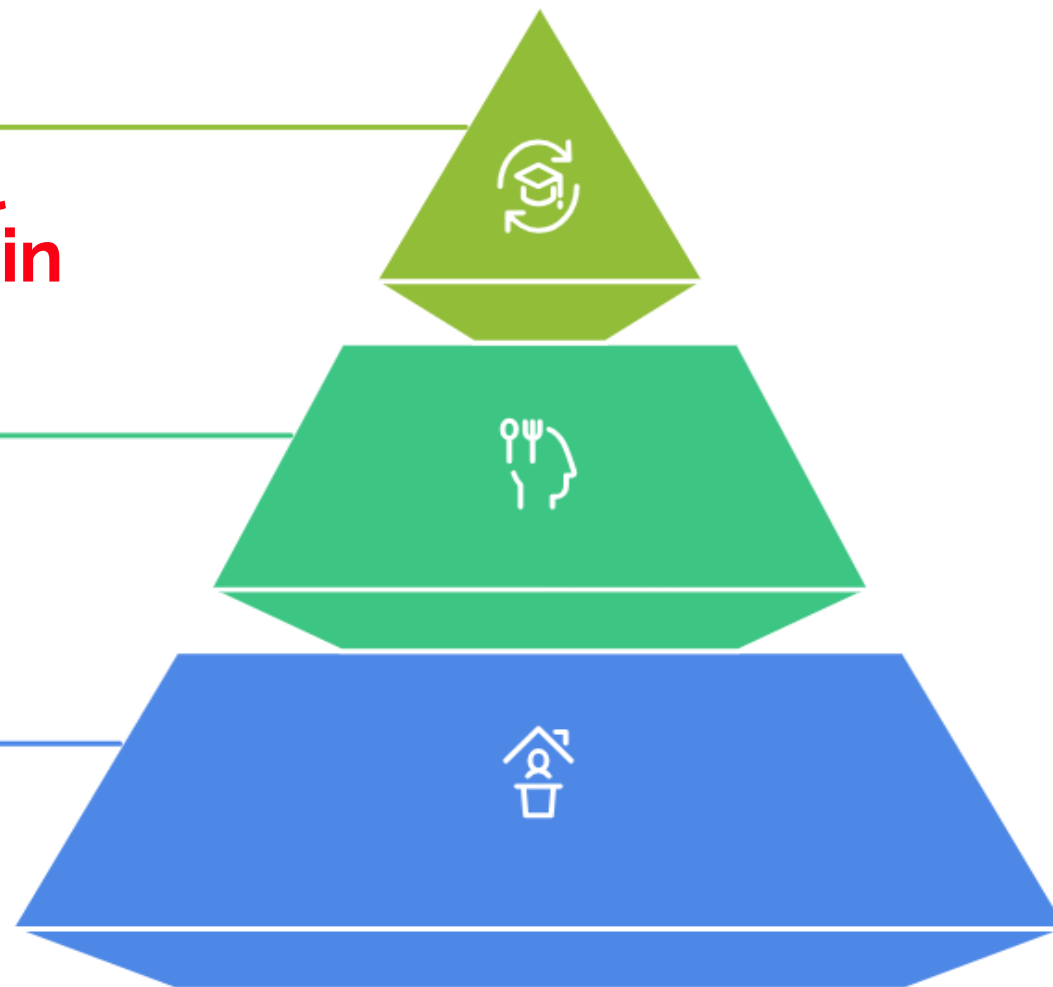


Key Takeaways

- 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



Sample sheets



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Thank you

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