

Step A: ASK

STEP A-ASK: Worksheet #1: WRITE BOTTLENECKS AND LEARNING GOAL:

- **Identify two or three learning bottlenecks from the previous Step A questions. Record them here.**
- **Then, in a single phrase or sentence, write a learning goal, lesson, or outcome that addresses one or more of your bottlenecks. (Don't worry about precise language yet.)**

Some learning bottlenecks in my discipline I've observed or heard about include

My chosen learning goal, lesson, or outcome to take through the ALLURE design process is

(e.g. "To help students critically appreciate an article," "Finding sources," "Case studies that my students can actually identify with")

Step L: LIST

STEP L-LIST: Worksheet #2: WRITE THINKING STEPS:

Write three thinking steps for your learning goal. For each step, add a Bloom action verb (from the center or middle circle of Bloom's Verb Wheel).

First, I would like my students to _____.

Second, I would like my students to _____.

Third, I would like my students to _____.

(e.g. "First, I would like my students to describe the purpose of a thesis statement and why it's important.")

STEP L-LIST: Worksheet #3: LIST MAIN THINKING STEPS:

List one or two main thinking steps that you believe your activity-game can cover in one hour or less. (If more than one step could be covered in an hour, but you are certain that you only want your activity to focus on a single important step, then only list that single step.) You can change your mind later.

STEP L-LIST: Worksheet #4: FIND HIGHEST COGNITIVE PROCESS:

Within your thinking steps, find the highest level of Bloom cognitive process.

The highest cognitive process for my activity-game will be _____.

Step L: LINK

STEP L-LINK: Worksheet #5: FIND COMPLEX MECHANICS FOR HIGHEST COGNITIVE PROCESS:

Within the pyramid chart, find the complex mechanics that match your activity-game’s highest cognitive process.

The complex mechanics that can teach my highest cognitive process are _____

STEP L-LINK: Worksheet #6: CHOOSE A SHORTLIST OF COMPLEX MECHANICS:

Within the chart of nine boxes, read the one-line descriptions for all complex mechanics matching your highest cognitive process. Choose three or four complex mechanics that look interesting for your shortlist.

STEP L-LINK: Worksheet #7: CHOOSE FINAL COMPLEX MECHANICS:

Within the complex mechanics chart *Card Backs with Long Descriptions*, read the long descriptions for the complex mechanics on your shortlist. Choose one or two complex mechanics to be the final core mechanics of your activity-game.

STEP L-LINK: Worksheet #8: CONNECT YOUR COMPLEX MECHANICS (5-minute limit):
Write down any small connections you see between the complex mechanic(s), your thinking steps, and (optionally) a few of Bloom’s matching student works.
 (Just one or two paragraphs, using phrases or bullet lists, describing student actions that could occur in your own game. Use our worksheet for this section.)

Thinking Steps *(one or two)*

Possible Student Work to Produce *(optional)*
For any cognitive processes you wish your activity-game to focus on, just one or two works each. See Verb Wheel from Step L-List.

Complex Mechanic <i>(one or two)</i> Game Influence <i>(optional)</i>	Quick Connections to Thinking Steps

STEP L-LINK: Worksheet #9: FRAME THE GAME BRAINSTORM (20 minutes or less):
Describe what your activity or game looks like in detail. Focus on the actions the students are doing, especially if you're describing an activity rather than a card or board game, and don't worry about listing all the rules. (Write for a full page, or two pages maximum.)

Step U: UNDERSTAND

STEP U-UNDERSTAND: Worksheet #10: CHECKLIST FOR LEARNING GAMES: SIMPLE MECHANICS:

Summarize how your activity-game incorporates each simple mechanic, especially for the ones related to your complex mechanic(s). Then for a few mechanics, take notes on how you might make better use of them to bring out student engagement.

Role:

Rival:

Random:

Rapid:

Reward:

STEP U-UNDERSTAND: Worksheet #11: CHECKLIST FOR LEARNING GAMES: DEEP LEARNING PRINCIPLES:

Summarize how your activity-game incorporates each deep learning principle, especially for the ones related to your complex mechanic(s). Then for a few principles, take notes on how you might make better use of them.

Identity:

Co-Design:

Situated Meanings:

Well-Scaffolded Problems:

Retrieval:

STEP U-UNDERSTAND: Worksheet #12: CHECKLIST FOR LEARNING GAMES: ASSESSMENT PRINCIPLES:

Summarize how your activity-game incorporates each assessment principle. Then for a few principles, take notes on how you might make better use of them.

Peer Comparison:

Visual Indicators:

Sandbox Environments:

Cycles of Guidance:

STEP U-UNDERSTAND: Worksheet #13: CHECKLIST FOR LEARNING GAMES: ACCESS PRINCIPLES:

Summarize how your activity-game incorporates each access principle. Then for a few principles, take notes on how you might make better use of them.

Multiple Representations of Content:

Multiple Ways Learners Connect:

Varied Demonstrations of Learning:

Step R: RUN

STEP R–RUN: Worksheet #14: BUILDING YOUR ACTIVITY-GAME:

For each section title below, jot a few notes on how you intend to address that area.

Basic Components:

Specialty Components:

Templates for Making Print Games (Boards and Cards):

Templates for Making Digital Games (PowerPoint, Google Slides, and Google Forms):

Media-Making Software:

STEP R–RUN: Worksheet #15: PREPARING YOUR CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT:
For each section title below, jot a few notes on how you intend to address that area.

Room Layout:

Groups (Number and Size):

Copies of Materials or Games:

Taking Turns? (and Length):

Adjudication of Answers:

Design for ONLINE:

STEP R–RUN: Worksheet #16: RUNNING YOUR ACTIVITY-GAME:**For each section title below, jot a few notes on how you intend to address that area.**

Presessions, Icebreakers, and Warm-Ups:

Does It Count for a Grade?:

Rules Explaining:

Team Leaders:

Hints and Difficulty:

Group-to-Group Presentations and Interactions:

Game Over Already?:

Extra Engagement Tips:

Step E: EVALUATE

STEP E-EVALUATE: Worksheet #17: PLAYTESTING:

Who might you approach as a playtester?

What questions related to your activity-game's learning might you focus on?

STEP E-EVALUATE: Worksheet #18: DEBRIEFING WITH PLAYTESTERS:

Which areas of your activity-game are the most important to debrief?

What questions might you ask in the debrief?

STEP E-EVALUATE: Worksheet #21: REFLECTING ON THE DATA:

After the activity-game has run, compile all your information using the summary chart below.

Fun Factor		Learning & Challenge Factor	
<i>In the space below, indicate how many students exhibited X, Y, or Z pro or con? Briefly describe the behavior.</i>			
Pros	Cons	Pros	Cons
What worked or failed with the game's current structure?			
Overall reflection and action item(s) for next time:			