

Next Steps for Supporting Personal Growth

The following tool details some steps you can take to foster independence, imagination, and integrity in your classroom. For each step, note the date you tried it and reflect on how it went: What did you do? How did it go? What would you change? What's next? Spaces are available at the end for you to plan additional steps you can take toward a student-centered approach to teaching.

Next Steps Tried	Date Tried	Reflection
During class discussion, encourage students to speak to one another rather than just to you.		
When you ask a question and receive responses from students, say, "Thank you," rather than "That's good" or "That's right."		
Pose "What if . . ." questions to encourage students to exercise their imaginations: What if Earth had two suns? What if we made it illegal to throw anything away? What if $2 + 2 = 5$?		
Encourage students to share observations and experiences that raise ethical questions and devote some class time to discussing how to deal with them.		