

Proficiency-Based Unit Planning Design Considerations

Stage	Teacher Considerations	Student Considerations	Instructional Planning
Stage One What is worth understanding?	 What matters about what we are learning? Identify related standards and indicators Clarify what students will know and be able to do 	 What do I need to learn and why? What makes this important or useful? 	 What is the essential question? What is the hook? What activity, task, reading, or video will build upon students' interests and experiences?
Stage Two How will students show understanding?	 Select and develop scoring criteria Design summative assessments How will I know what they already know? What will the pre-assessment entail? 	 In what ways do I have choice over how I represent my learning? What does quality work look like? 	 Share and discuss quality work through exemplars and scoring criteria Identify what students already know.
Stage Three What promotes engagement, learning, and mastery?	Where can students have voice and choice?What supports and extensions will ensure that all students learn?	What is the essential question?What makes the concept real and compelling?	 What will make the materials and activities engaging and accessible to all students? How will I use data to inform my instruction?