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Mapping Meaningful Learning

Turning Wichita into a Living Classroom

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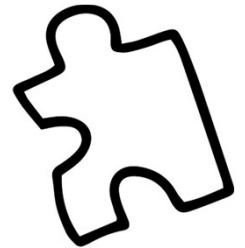


Setting the Stage

*Place-based learning
creates deeper roots,
increases empathy, and
makes learning relevant.*

Goal: To reimagine Wichita as a dynamic classroom by identifying local assets and designing authentic learning experiences.

Why does it matter?





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Game Plan

- 01 **Warm-Up: Personal Connection to Place**
- 02 **Mapping Local Learning Assets**
- 03 **Designing Learning Experiences**
- 04 **Overcoming Barriers**
- 05 **Reflection & Call to Action**



01 Warm-Up: Personal Connection to Place



“Think of a place in Wichita that holds meaning for you - where you learned something important, felt inspired, or made a memory. What made that place meaningful?”

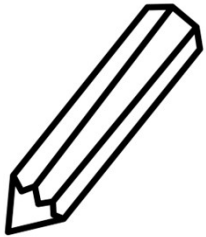




02 Mapping Local Learning Assets



The
opportunities
are endless.



Your Task: Mark cultural sites, natural spaces, community hubs, and hidden gems on a map of Wichita.

Consider:

- What stories live in this place?
- What subjects or standards could this place help teach?
- Who in the community could be a co-teacher or guide here?



03 Designing Learning Experiences



Let's bring it to life.



Small Group Challenge: Design a mini learning experience for a specific grade level or subject.

Guiding Questions:

- What is the essential question or learning goal?
- What will students do, create, or investigate?
- How will this experience be authentic and student-centered?



04 Overcoming Barriers



Your community is full of assets too.

We used downtown Wichita as our learning environment because it surrounds Learning Lab. What similar opportunities exist in your neighborhood?

Discussion: What might prevent you and others from using the community as a classroom?

Challenge Prompts:

- How might we bring the community into the classroom when we can't go out?
- What partnerships could help remove these barriers?
- How can we advocate for place-based learning in our schools?



05 Reflection & Call to Action



So now what?

Reflection:

- What's one place in Wichita you're now seeing with new eyes?
- What's one small step you can take this month to connect your students with the community?

Activity: Write your commitment on a sticky note and post it.