Finding and using “Do Now” activities:

(Resources compiled by Jennifer Robinson, Library Media Specialist, Newport Public Schools)

Blog Post: “Do Now” activities:


Includes brief explanation of “Do now” and sample activities

“Do Now” Ideas (Cross-curricular) from Teacher Tips/Training 101 website


Lesson Openers to Engage and Motivate Pupils

ELA Writing Prompts

http://www.canteach.ca/elementary/prompts.html

Skewed toward elementary; many topics could be adapted for older audiences.

Reading: 103 Things to Do Before/During/After by Jim Burke:

http://www.englishcompanion.com/assignments/reading/103readingactivities.htm

Some of these would work for “Do Now”, others intended for use during longer lesson

Science:

http://middleschoolscience.com/starters.html

PPT format, ready to use, cover a variety of science topics.
Tech Solution for Do Now activities (Cross-curricular):

View “Do Now” activities from KQED Education*

http://education.kqed.org/edspace/category/do-now/

Website includes videos to prompt thinking. (Website includes global communication component using Twitter and e-mail accounts. If students don’t have Twitter and e-mail access, responses could be recorded via journal or other method, then shared with peers in classroom.)

A blog explaining KQED “Do Now”:


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Discussion Thread: “Do Now” Activities-- Language Arts

http://www.proteacher.net/discussions/showthread.php?t=199324

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Discussion Thread: Resources for “Do Now” and other ELA activities

Recommended by teachers on “The Reading Zone”

http://thereadingzone.wordpress.com/2008/07/21/my-middle-school-language-arts-classroom/