

# What is Constructivism?

Constructivism is 100% student-centered. The teacher serves as a facilitator to allow students to explore their knowledge through actively engaging in constructing it. As a facilitator, teachers will help students examine their own personal meanings of concepts to evolve to a place of accepting new outside perspectives ( inquiry-based).

## 1 Engage

Allows students to explore meanings to connect to their existing knowledge or experiences.

## 2 Explore

Hands-on activities allow explorations of concepts and skills through an inquiry-based approach

## 3 Explain

Create definitions of topics with examples that connect to their knowledge.

## 4 Extend

Apply definitions to real-world experiences to further skill sets and draw conclusions.

## 5 Evaluate

Students evaluate scenarios to demonstrate their knowledge.

## Scenario #1:

Students will create a cheat sheet on Verdi. This will help them focus on his life, accomplishments, contributions, influence, nationalism and the building blocks of the Romantic musical period. They will also be able to clearly see the distinctions from other periods.

### Engage

Roundtable discussion on what students know about the Romantic period.

### Explore

Students will listen and watch clips of his life and operatic works. Students will begin to create an outline for their cheat sheet.

### Explain

Students will be given a short list of resources to investigate more on musical analysis, key terms and significance of his works.

### Extend

Students use online platforms and resources to create infographics, videos, songs, flipbooks, musical performances etc...on topic.

### Evaluate

Students will show or perform their projects for the class. Their presentations will be recorded so they can keep them for further use. ( online or offline portfolios)

