



Alternative Assessments

The purpose of alternative assessments is to provide students with varied and meaningful ways to show what they know and can do—beyond traditional methods like multiple-choice tests. These assessments are designed to be authentic, student-centered, and connected to real-world applications. They emphasize creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving. Alternative assessments help teachers understand how students apply knowledge, not just recall facts. Examples include projects, performances, portfolios, and peer/self-assessments. These approaches also support student engagement and deeper learning by allowing for choice and personalized expression. Ultimately, alternative assessments aim to foster a more inclusive and accurate picture of student understanding and growth over time.



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Thinking Nation has compiled a list of alternative assessments that can be accessed on the video description.

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The purpose of alternative assessments is to foster meaningful learning, honor diverse talents, and prepare students for real-world challenges.