

## **IDEA 22 Five Formative Assessment Tools Recommended by Teacher Experts**

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A teacher asks a question to a classroom of 30 students. One student raises her hand and gives the correct answer. It would be easy to assume that this class has gotten a grasp of the concept is ready to move on to the next learning objective. The reality, however, is that one student's response does not reflect the overall level of understanding in your classroom.

One possible solution is that the teachers could deliver a quiz to each student. But, the grading would take up too much class time and the teacher would be left without time to remediate mis-conceptions the quiz reveals.

Fortunately, there are a handful of tools that make formative assessments a fast and fun process. Here are 5 favorite formative assessment tools:

### **Socrative**

Mike Voth, AP physics teacher, McKinney, TX

"Socrative provides quick and easy formative assessments. It is a great tool for making ALL students think about and respond to a question or discussion item. It works on almost every device and is completely free."

### **Today'sMeet**

Samantha Stebbins, high school math teacher, Riverside, CA

"Setting up Today's Meet literally takes minutes. After the setup, you have a quick and easy way to communicate with your students, deliver formative assessments, and gauge the efficacy of a lesson."

### **Plickers**

John Greenwood, 4th grade teacher, Huntsville, AL

"Our school hasn't gone 1-to-1 yet, and my students don't have devices they can bring to class. Plickers is an easy way for me to get a sense for each student's understanding without any fancy tech. Students hold up a card for their answer choice and my iPhone camera automatically grades each response, giving me a quick visual of responses."

### **Kahoot!**

Johnnell Ramlow, 6th grade English-language arts teacher, Ozark, MO

"I use Kahoot! regularly. My students love the competitive side of this online quiz game. I love the instant feedback to know what I need to re-teach or spend more time on. I also love that I can find published quizzes to use, or make my own, or have kids make a quiz—they love that too."

### **eduCanon**

Trent Goldsmith, accounting, economics and business teacher, Lansing, MI

"I use eduCanon in my classroom due to its compatibility with a blended classroom. EduCanon allows my students to create a 'path' and to take ownership for their own learning of concepts. It frees me up to teach application of these concepts in class. Furthermore, it allows me to check for understanding (through questioning during the videos), and it allows students to 'get caught up' if they are gone."