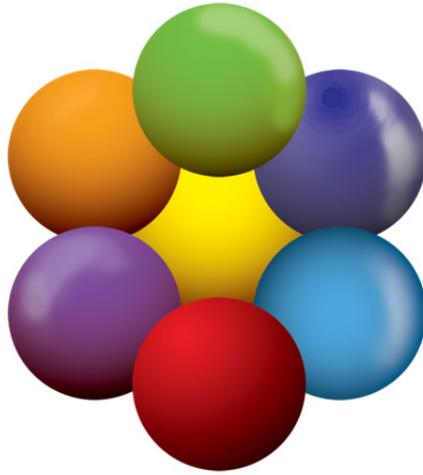


Let's Go RAFTing





About Just ASK

The Essential Question of Just ASK's Work

What do schools and classrooms look like when they are organized around a commitment to the achievement of high standards by all students?

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Driven by the essential question displayed above, the publications and products developed and distributed by Just ASK are used by Just ASK consultants in their long-term multifaceted work with schools and districts, stand alone for use in professional development initiatives led by district personnel, and are often used as texts for college courses. These comprehensive resources use a common language and concept system that makes the rigorous state standards come alive. Because they are cross-referenced, administrators, teacher leaders, veteran teachers, mentors, coaches, and new teachers can all be on the same page!

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Role Audience Form Time* (RAFT)

Purposes

- To provide students opportunities to apply what they have learned in new situations by creating products for a real audience
- To promote creativity and critical thinking skills
- To facilitate rigorous and relevant learning experiences

The **RAFT** technique, which is attributed to various sources, requires students to create scenarios about the content being studied. **RAFT** allows students to consider the information from a variety of perspectives and to use a wide range of formats to present information to limitless audiences. This brain-compatible approach causes students to rethink, rewrite, and discuss an event or concept in another place or time or through the eyes or voice of the famous or familiar. The lists of potential products and perspectives accessible in Appendix III and online at www.justaskpublications.com provide a multitude of possibilities.

RAFT Exemplars

You, as a fourth grade teacher, are to write test questions on the _____. Write one question for each paragraph, using either true-false, multiple-choice, fill-in-the-blank, or matching format. Provide the answers and sign your name. You will exchange questions with Mr. Oliver's class tomorrow.

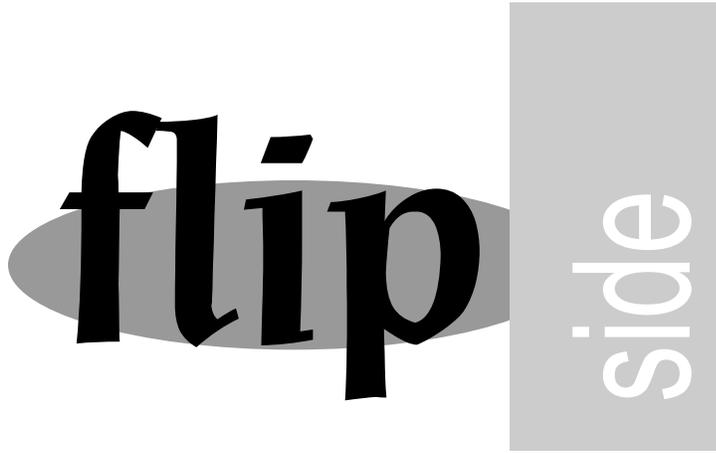
You are a political cartoonist for the **Washington Post** newspaper. Design two cartoons that illustrate a “hot” issue related to our unit on Immigration. Prepare one to represent the issue in the early 1900s and one from a current perspective. Include captions and your signature as the artist.

Pretend you are a visitor from Ukraine. Write a three to five paragraph letter to your family back home describing how Chicago is like Kiev.

Assume that one of your classmates has been absent for all of our study of the circulatory system. Use the list of potential products to design a specific product that will describe in detail how the system works. Remember this student missed the entire unit! Spend some time thinking about what are the most important things to include.



*The T can also represent the topic.



TEEN HEALTH HABITS

Imagine that you are a newspaper journalist for the **Rochester Democrat & Chronicle** and you have an assignment to do an article about teen health habits for the “**flipside**” column that appears in every Monday's paper. In order to do this, you need some research so...

Conduct a survey in which you will:

- a. Interview 6 students not in this class.
- b. Choose the students from two different age groups:
10-12, 13-15, 16-18.
- c. Ask the students privately, at a time when they can think.
- d. You can ask the students and fill in their answers or you can have them fill in the answers for themselves.
- e. After completing your survey, show the main similarities and differences by filling in the graphic organizer (Venn diagram) or making a spreadsheet on the computer.
- f. Using the answers from your survey, write an article for “flipside” about teen health habits and what influences the health of teens in the '90s.

Judy White, Rush-Henrietta Central School District, Henrietta, New York
RAFT template is available online.

RAFT Exemplars

Green Grocer RAFT

When the Green Grocer learned that “vegetable” was a street term without scientific meaning, he decided to classify the produce in his store into groups representing the six plant parts. Respond to the following newspaper ad.

Immediate Help Wanted

Local grocery market needs knowledgeable stock person to reorganize produce into display groups representing the six plant parts. Interested individuals must demonstrate their ability to identify plant parts by selecting five examples of each of the six plant parts (total 30) and submitting a response in one of the following forms that would represent the new produce market design.

- Labeled diagram of produce department
- Graphic organizer
- Memo explaining the new plant classification in paragraph form

Direct all responses to: Green Grocer Produce Manager.

Laramie Brown, West Irondequoit Central School District, Rochester, New York

New Deal Programs of the 1930s RAFT

Groups will be demonstrating knowledge of depression era problems and the programs that FDR created to solve them.

To help you get more detail on your New Deal program, you will be given a reading with information beyond your text. Then your group is to follow the guidelines below to create your RAFT. You will share your work with the class.

Group 1: Create a RAFT on the AAA

R Member of U. S. Congress

A Farmers and farm families

F Railroad Whistle stop speech to the farmers of western New York

T 1935

Group 2: Create a RAFT on the CCC

R You are President Roosevelt

A Unemployed 18 to 25 year olds

F Fireside chat over radio

T 1933

Linda Talbott, Churchville-Chili Central School District, Churchville, New York

RAFT template is available online.

RAFT Exemplars

(Student Choice in Writing Persuasive Letters)

Directions: Choose your **RAFT** and head out on an exciting adventure! You are invited to become a character from *The Hundred Dresses*.

RAFT 1:

You are Wanda Petronski. Write a persuasive letter to Maddie to convince her that she made the right decision when she vowed never again to stand by and say nothing when someone was being made fun of. You must convince her with three strong points.

RAFT 2:

You are Wanda Petronski. Write a persuasive letter to Maddie and/or Peggy to convince them that it is important to treat others with kindness and respect. You must convince them, with three strong points, to live by "The Golden Rule" and treat others the way you want to be treated.

RAFT 3:

You are Maddie or Peggy. Write a letter to Wanda asking for her forgiveness and ask her to come back to school. You must convince her that things will be different if she returns. You must persuade her to return using at least three good reasons.

RAFT 4:

You are Maddie. You have finally gathered the courage to write a persuasive letter to Peggy with the hope of convincing her to treat others with respect and kindness. You hope to show her that she will be a better person if she changes her ways. Persuade her to change her ways!

RAFT 5:

Create your own scenario. Take on any role you choose and identify your audience. The form must be a persuasive letter. You can base the situation on a classroom from today or fifty years ago like Room 13.

RAFT Exemplars

RAFT

RAFT requires students to engage in scenarios and create products for real audiences. It allows them to consider information from a variety of perspectives and to use a wide range of formats to present information to limitless audiences. This brain-compatible approach causes students to rethink, rewrite, and discuss an event or concept in another place or time or through the eyes or voice of the famous or familiar. An array of online possibilities can be included. There is a list of potential products and perspectives (roles and audiences) available online.

Using the planning template pictured below, teachers created the following **RAFTs** for their students.

Role _____
Audience _____
Form (product) _____
Time _____

Elementary Science

Role: You are a member of Bat Conservation International.

Audience: Your audience is community leaders.

Form: Your job is to write an article for the **Greece Post** on behalf of Bat Conservation International. You are to convince the people in the community that we should do all we can to save the bats.

Time: You must complete this assignment by Friday, April 1st so that it can be printed in Monday's edition of the **Greece Post**.

Barb Bedner, Greece Central School District, NY

AP Statistics

Role: Project manager for small overnight delivery company

Audience: Employees in the shipping department

Form: Memo based on a computer-generated regression formula for the cost of shipping during the last month: Language used has to be accessible to non-mathematicians.

Time: Current

Randy Zamin, New Trier Township High School, IL

A list of perspectives and products and a template for creating RAFTs are available online.

Building Your Own RAFT



Role _____
Audience _____
Form (product) _____
Time _____

Role _____
Audience _____
Form (product) _____
Time _____

Role _____
Audience _____
Form (product) _____
Time _____

Potential Products

A

advertisement

advice column

album

anagram

animation

annotated bibliography

apparatus

aquarium

area graph

artifact collection

audiotape recording

autobiography

anecdote

application

adventure

acronym

analysis

B

ballad

ballet

banner

bar graph

biopoem

bill of rights

block picture story

blueprint

book jacket

book report

booklet

bookmark

brainteaser

brochure

bullet chart

bulletin board

business letter

biographical sketch

book

blog

braille

business card

C

calendar

campaign speech

cardboard relief

cartoon

CD cover

celebrity profile

ceramics

charade

chart

characterization

checklist

choral reading

cinquin

classification

list/system

classified ad

clothing

collage

collection

column chart

comedy act

comic book

commercial

comparison

computer program

conference presentation

constitution

conversation

costume

couplet

coupon

critique

crossword puzzle

caption

conversation

children's book

commentary

case study

Potential Products

D

dance

demonstration

dialogue

diorama

documentary

directions

database

description

diary

display

dramatization

debate

diagram

dictionary

display case

DVD

digital slide show

E

editorial

essay

exaggeration

error analysis

editorial cartoon

e-scrapbook

estimate

experiment

eyewitness account

e-newsletter

equipment

etching

explanation

exhibition

email

F

fabric design

field trip

flag

flip charts

free verse

fairy tale

filmstrip

flannel board

flow chart

friendly letter

field manual

finger puppets

flash cards

food

furniture

G

gadget

gauge

graph

guidebook

gallery

glossary

graphic organizer

goal

game

gossip column

greeting card

gift basket

Potential Products

H

haiku

handout

hieroglyphic

hypothesis

hand puppet

hat

history

handbook

headline

hologram

I

icon

imprint

interview script

inquiry

identification cards

index

invitation

invention

inquisition

illustration

interview

interpretive dance

instrument

J

jigsaw puzzle

joke

journal article

jingle

joke book

jet ski

jukebox

job description

jewels

K

kit

kitchen tool

kite

keepsake

kaleidoscope

kiosk

kimono

L

law

learning center

letter

letter of complaint

list

logic puzzle

lawyer's brief

lecture

letter of request

letter of support

lithograph

lyrics

layout

lesson plan

letter to the editor

limerick

log

lab report

Potential Products

M

machine	meter	mime
marionette	mobile	model
metaphor	monument	mosaic
mnemonic	mural	music
monologue	musical instrument	myth
movement game	matrix	monograph
musical composition	manual	mp3
montage	map	multimedia
mask	memorandum	portfolio

N

newscast	newsletter	newspaper
newspaper ad	newspaper article	novel
nursery rhyme	notes	

O

oath	observation sheet	outline
origami	order form	obituary
operator's manual	owner's manual	online discussion group
	oral report	

P

painting	pamphlet	pen pal letter
patent	pattern	photo essay
pennant	petition	picture dictionary
photograph	pictograph	playing cards
pie chart	plan	prediction
poem	play	prototype
profile	poster	prophecy
puppet show	proposal	PowerPoint
portrayal	puzzle	presentation
podcast	parody	

Potential Products

Q

quatrain
question
quarterly report

quorum
quotation
questionnaire

quiz

R

rap
radio announcement
report
review
rhyme
rubric
resume
radio commentary

rationale
reproduction
rewrite
riddle
request
response
re-enactment
radio commercial

recipe
research report
rewritten ending
role-play
reply
rebuttal
recording

S

satire
science fiction story
sewing project
ship
silk screen
soap opera
stencil
solution
simulation

scenario
short story
ship's log
slide show
song
stick puppet
survey
sculpture
summary

schedule
scroll
skit
sign
slogan speech
story
symbol
script
sketch

T

tall tale
television newscast
transparency
textbook
toy
task analysis

taxonomy
television sitcom
travel advertisement
theory
translation
tribute

telegram
time line
travel log
3-D display
thumbnail sketch

Potential Products

U

UFO

underwater scene

utopia

understudy

urn

V

verdict

video yearbook

voice-over

virtual field trip

vinyl record

verification

visual aid

venn diagram

variety show

vintage fashion

videotape

vocabulary list

vase

vibraphone

W

wall hanging

warrant for arrest

weather map

writing

wanted poster

warranty

web

word game

word search

warm-up

webquest

wax sculpture

window shade

web page

website

X

x-ray

xylophone

xerox

Y

yardstick

year-in-review

yearbook

Z

zodiac chart

zoo guidebook

zen garden

Roles and Audiences Potential Perspectives

A

artist	archaeologist	administrator
architect	anthropologist	aunt
actor-actress	animator	ambassador
author	astronomer	ambulance driver
astronaut	astrologer	activist
aviator	acrobat	athletic trainer
alien	attorney	assistant
actuary	accountant	appraiser
admiral	anesthesiologist	art therapist
atheist	acquaintance	analyst

B

baby	bully	bandit
brother	baby-sitter	beautician
basketball player	butcher	blacksmith
baseball player	blackjack dealer	bank robber
baker	bartender	biochemist
boat captain	botanist	bus driver
ballet dancer	boxer	biotechnologist
blogger	bellhop	businessman
bullfighter	bandleader	broker
boss	boy	

C

computer programmer	crossing guard	chairperson
cardiologist	case manager	committee member
comedian	chef/caterer/cook	comic strip character
composer	cartoonist	captain
customer services representative	cosmetologist	cowboy
custodian	coach	cashier
carpenter	clown	choreographer
college student	criminal/convict	concierge
calligrapher	chauffeur	computer game designer
counselor	candidate	curator
	Congressperson	

Roles and Audiences Potential Perspectives

D

doctor	derelict	delegate
director	dog trainer	data analyst
demographer	drug dealer	dermatologist
dancer	daredevil	dietician
disc jockey	decorator	designer
dictator	dentist	dispatcher
drummer	diver	daughter

E

editor	exterminator	enemy
executive	educator	engineer
environmentalist	elephant trainer	epidemiologist
electrician	economist	e-business manager
EMT	emir	e-marketing manager
equestrian	emperor	event planner

F

firefighter	father	fashion designer
forest ranger	female	florist
football player	ferryman	FBI agent
fisherman	financier	film critic
friend	flight attendant	funeral director
farmer	furrier	forensic accountant
first lady	facilitator	frequent flyer
fitness expert	fictional character	foreign correspondent
fairy	falconer	fundraiser

G

gardener	gambler	grocer
governor	game warden	government official
giant	garbage collector	geographer
gymnast	gangster	graphic designer
grandparent	geologist	groundskeeper
general	ghost	gargoyle

Roles and Audiences Potential Perspectives

H

hair stylist
high jumper
hero/heroine
historian
hunter

housekeeper
hula dancer
hippie
hang glider
halfback
historical figure

headhunter
harlequin
healthcare worker
human resources
administrator

I

ice skater
ice cream man
ichthyologist
investment banker
iconographer

idealist
idiot
illusionist
illustrator
immortal

insurance salesman
interior designer
inspector
interpreter
intern

J

juror
judge
janitor
jeweler

jazz singer
jester
jockey
juggler

journalist
justice of the peace
juvenile

K

karate instructor
kid
kleptomaniac

keyboardist
kindergartner
king

kickboxer
kayaker
khan

L

logger
lawyer
linebacker
life guard
librarian

logician
lady
lecturer
leader
landscaper

lexicographer
literary critic
legal secretary
loan officer
locksmith

Roles and Audiences Potential Perspectives

M

mail carrier	musician	manicurist
mentor	mayor	magician
military officer	mountain climber	marketeer
mother	machinist	monster
marriage counselor	mafioso	maid
mathematician	marksman	marine biologist

N

nurse	nanny	novice
neighbor	nephew/niece	navigator
newspaper carrier	neurologist	Nazi
night watchman	news anchor	naval officer
nun	newlywed	nursing aide
nanotechnologist	nomad	network
numerologist	nuclear physicist	administrator

O

optometrist	ornithologist	Olympian
organic agriculturist	opera singer	office manager
operator	official	orthodontist
orator	observer	obstetrician
oceanographer	officer	occupational therapist

P

president	psychologist	public defender
parent	priest	patron
principal	pianist	patriarch
producer	paleontologist	pauper
photographer	publisher	prosecutor
psychiatrist	puppeteer	politician
police officer	pirate	poet
professor	psychic	participant
pilot	pacifist	pharmacist
paratrooper	personal trainer	political cartoonist
painter	programmer	parking lot attendant

Roles and Audiences Potential Perspectives

R

realtor
reverend
rabbi
race car driver
reporter
researcher
recreational therapist

runner
rugby player
Rastafarian
rock star
rebel
receptionist
referee

refugee
relative
recruiter
radiologist
radical
radio announcer
risk analyzer

S

sister
secretary
senator
student
senior citizen
soccer player
systems engineer
surgeon
seamstress
superhero
stewardess

scientist
sculptor
security guard
singer
stuntman
sales clerk
sheriff
scapegoat
scholar
social worker
statistician

sailor
soldier
systems analyst
school board member
superintendent
saint
software engineer
state trooper
steel worker
sound engineer
submarine captain

T

truck driver
tourist
tour guide
travel agent
teacher
toddler
tap dancer
telemarketer
teller
tyrant
tennis player

tailor
taxi driver
tax collector
technician
tenant
terrorist
therapist
technical writer
townspeople
traitor
tradesman

transient
translator
traveler
trespasser
troll
troubadour
troublemaker
tutor
typist
television star
train conductor

Roles and Audiences Potential Perspectives

U

uncle
urologist
understudy

umpire
union member
unicyclist

urbanite
urchin
usher

V

veteran
veterinarian
video game developer
vandal
vice president

violinist
vampire
vagabond
vagrant
vocalist
volleyball player

villain
vegetarian
ventriloquist
vendor
volunteer
videographer

W

writer
witch
waiter/waitress
webmaster
worker

waif
wallflower
woman
warden
wrestler

weightlifter
welder
wingwalker
westerner
web page designer

X

x-ray technician

xylophonist

xenophobe

Y

yachtsman
Yankee

yeoman
yuppie

yodeler
yogi

Z

zookeeper

zealot

zombie