



# EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING CYCLE



Exploration, combined with wonder, creativity, and reflection inspires meaningful learning. This six-step model can be used to inspire learning of the most significance - forming a vital connection between content and world.

**Invite** students into the learning process using an engaging activity or exploration of prior knowledge.

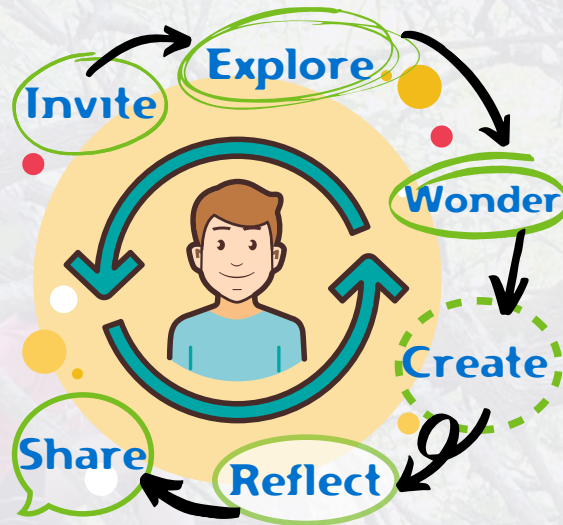
**Explore** the hands-on activity by sharing ideas, searching for patterns, and recording thoughts or observations. Use phrases like "I notice..." "I wonder..." and "I think..."

**Wonder** is how we think about the amazing world around us, and is the force that drives curiosity to experience and learn more. Discuss a question or two that were raised during the exploration, and be sure to model wonder and awe! Where do these questions lead? Where can the learner find the answers?

**Create** ideas, actions, videos, presentations, social media posts, and more! Follow wherever the inquiry leads, and use the inspiration to create something.

**Reflect** on the entire process. What was investigated? What was discovered? What was interesting? Was anything difficult? What more is there to explore in the future? The questions to be asked are limitless.

**Share** your experiences with family, friends, classmates, and other community members. Invite them to participate in the continual cycle of experiential, relevant learning.



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