

Evaluation Strategies

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Several evaluation strategies will be used that involve both formative and summative methods throughout the Google Apps unit. These evaluations will allow the instructor to measure growth as they teach throughout the unit and would allow the avenue to provide feedback to the students.

Before the teacher teaches about Google Documents it would be a good idea to assess prior knowledge. The teacher could use a survey or a simple task list. By giving them several tasks and a check list they can quickly tell what they have accomplished and the teacher can use judgement to see what they need to spend more time.

The teacher will use both formative and summative assessments throughout the unit. It is very important with some of this that students do not have to be assessed in a way that hurts their grades. They must be willing to take risks and honestly show what they know or do not know. The teacher can do many of these by moving throughout the classroom and seeing the product of what they are working on. The teacher could give small quizzes from time to time to check basic skills. Altogether the work of frequent assessments will give feedback back to the teacher and the students and would be the most effective means for evaluation.

The summative assessments would be almost entirely project based. The teacher would build rubrics used to evaluate the student work. They could be either holistic or analytical. I would prefer to use holistic rubrics because they would allow for evaluating the project and its effectiveness and not just checking to see if they have met requirements. These evaluations

could be done and shared right in google documents and would be a great way to assess the students.

All of these evaluation tools would allow the teacher to have a good idea where the students are. The projects could be presented to the entire class so they can give feedback for the students also. Students could work within groups without talking to each other. This would force them to use some of the many collaborative tools within Google docs itself.