

Love's Creative SPARKS!

All Our Futures: Ideas that Matter

The Love's Creative SPARKS contest asks the student to think of new creative ideas that will help resolve some of the most pressing societal issues as well as things within their classroom and schools that could be changed for the better. **Lesson 2** identified the problem you have chosen to solve. This lesson will address how creative thinking can help you explore solutions.

LESSON 3: CREATIVITY

Creativity is the process of developing a new idea or combination of ideas that can be put into action. It is a skill that everyone has and uses every day in some way.

Lesson Three will focus on researching and identifying possible solutions to your selected problem. Remember your collaboration and critical thinking skills as you approach these tasks.

ACTIVITIES:

1. Research issues related to your problem as you begin to think about potential solutions.
2. Make a word cloud of important ideas from your exploration of the problem. If you are already thinking of possible solutions, include words from those ideas in your word cloud. You can use an online tool such as www.wordle.net, or you can create one by hand, making the words that seem most important to you larger or in a brighter color.
3. In groups share your wordles and see what insights your classmates may share with you. Do these observations *spark* a new potential solution?
4. Time to think. Thinking can be an active task, but sometimes our subconscious brain can have new insights that occur when we aren't even trying. Shift to a different task and give your brain a break from this one. If a new idea emerges, jot it down so you don't forget.
5. Pull all of your potential solutions together into a drawing or collage that will help you visualize them. Which one seems to have the most potential? Check your conclusions with others for input.
6. Create a model or an action plan to implement your chosen solution.

In Lesson Four, you will create a plan to promote and gain support for your vision. *Ideas that matter* need the engagement of others for success.

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