

TABLE 20.1

### Classroom Doodling & Drawing Ideas

These ideas can be used as the centerpiece of a lesson, as a warm up, as an energizer or even as a quick assessment.

think-draw-share	Have students draw images, doodles or phrases on index cards to summarize a piece of a lecture. Then, have them turn to a partner or partners and share cards.
text maps	Textmapping is a technique popularized by educator, Dave Middlebrook ( <a href="http://www.textmapping.org">www.textmapping.org</a> ). Textmaps are essentially book chapters copied and reconstructed in a scroll format (taped end to end). To use this idea, distribute scrolls to groups of students and have each group mark up the chapter. Students should use color, words, images, pictures and symbols to identify important information in the text and to highlight relevant concepts and words.
reaction diagrams	Use this technique in lieu of traditional notes. Give students chart paper or big sheets of drawing paper and have them create a visual representation of presented material during a longer segment of instruction. The diagrams should help students connect and understand key points.
comic strip notes	When you want to encourage students to think creatively, express themselves in a different way and illustrate ideas instead of explaining them, introduce comic strip notes. Students can create strips of a mathematical function, a chapter or passage of a book, steps of a scientific process, etc.
whole-class graffiti	After reading or discussing ideas, have students take turns getting up to draw or write reactions and memorable details on the classroom white board. Students should write large enough for all to see the ideas being shared. The process continues until the board is filled. To preserve the content, be sure to take photos of the class-created graffiti at the end of the activity.
dictionary draw	Ask a student to come to the front of the room and draw a content-related word or concept. As he or she draws the word <i>chaos</i> or a pulley or an aerobic exercise, classmates shout guesses until the correct answer is provided.



#### TO DO LIST

- Check out alternatives to PowerPoint. Choose one to try this week.
- Challenge yourselves to use “turn and talk” and related strategies this week.
- Consider one new way to get students up and moving.
- Create a plan to add drawing or doodling to an upcoming lesson. Scratch that. Draw or doodle a plan to add drawing or doodling to an upcoming lesson.