

K-W-L Chart

K-W-L is a 3-column chart that helps organize and record Before, During, and After knowledge of a topic or concept. This technique can be done with the whole class on the overhead, chart paper, or chalkboard.

Students can create the table in their science notebook or complete one provided by the teacher, cut it out, and paste it into their notebook.

K	W	L
What do I know about this topic?	What do I want to learn about this topic? Or What do I think I will learn?	What have I learned ?
This column is completed at the beginning of the unit of study. This provides both the teacher and the student with a baseline of knowledge.	As discussion of the topic or unit begins, students complete this column, predicting what they might learn and/or articulating what they would like to learn about the topic.	At the end of the unit or topic discussion, students complete this column with their newly gained knowledge and understanding.

A fourth column, "H", can be added to answer the question, How we can learn more?