

Class Tags

Academic Content Badges

41 Tags for Any Content Area

Students Earn Badges by Completing Choice Boards

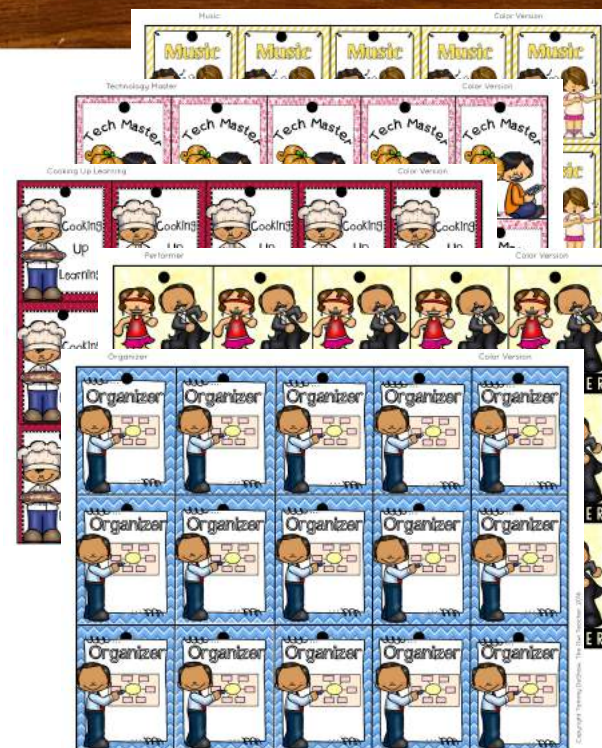
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Color, Printer Friendly,
and Personalize It Versions!



There are 41 class tags to earn. That allows for one badge a week to implement throughout the entire school year!



There are three different versions- full color, printer friendly, and my favorite - Personalize it! Personalize it allows for students to color and decorate it themselves.



Class Tags + Girl/Boy Scout Badges + Choice Boards = Academic Badges

Students complete a set number of choices (based on the teacher's decision) to earn their badge/tag!

The Rubric Name _____

The Projects of the Badges

	3	2	1	0
Concepts & Vocabulary	Project covered all of the most important concepts &/or vocabulary related to the current topic of study.	Project covered some of the important concepts &/or vocabulary related to the current topic of study.	Project covered very few of the important concepts &/or vocabulary related to the current topic of study.	Project covered none of the important concepts &/or vocabulary related to the current topic of study.
Understanding & Accuracy	The student understands & can explain all of the concepts clearly.	The student understands & can explain most of the concepts clearly.	The student understands & can explain very few of the concepts clearly.	The student understands & can explain none of the concepts clearly.
Choices	The student selected choices that were a mix of both easy and difficult tasks.	The student selected choices that were a mix of more easy, but with a few difficult tasks.	The student selected tasks that were all easy &/or not on their level.	
Focus & Work Ethics	The student stayed focused and worked well all of the time.	The student stayed focused and worked well most of the time.	The student stayed focused and worked well very little of the time.	The student did not stay focused, nor worked well.
Quality of Work (appearance, neatness)	The student produced work quality that was above and beyond .	The student produced good work quality.	The student produced fair work quality.	The student produced poor work quality.
Comments:	Total Points: _____ / 15			

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Hollywood Name _____

It takes a lot to be a star in Hollywood. The lights are always flashing from cameras and people are always dying to have your autograph. To be a Hollywood star, you'll need to first earn this badge. Only then will you get to walk the red carpet!

To earn this badge, you will need to complete _____ of the following choices below with neatness and your best work. It must be related to a concept your teacher is currently teaching. When you are finished, you will turn in this page, with your completed choice(s), and the rubric for your teacher to evaluate.

Your Choices

- *Create a Talk Show scene that relates to your topic of study. (You'll need to recruit some friends to help!) Make sure that it is similar to talk shows on television but is appropriate for school. It should also cover the important concepts and terminology. Check with your teacher to see if you will need to perform it live in front of a studio audience (your class) or if you'll need to record it.
- *Create a Short Movie that briefly teaches about your topic of study. Make sure that it covers the important ideas and vocabulary. It should be no longer than five minutes but at least one minute. You may want to write out a script ahead of time and recruit some friends.
- *Write an Acceptance Speech at an awards show related to your topic of study. Thank the topic for how it helped you learn about it. Include important points and vocabulary. Check with your teacher to see if you will need to perform it. Include props if you desire.
- *Create a Stand Up Comedy Routine. Make a one man show about the topic you are studying. Include some humor, but make sure you are also teaching about the concepts and vocabulary. Your monologue should not be more than 3 minutes. You'll want to plan it out first on paper. Then check with your teacher to see if you should perform it live or record it.
- *Create your Own Idea that relates to the topic of study and relates to the badge being earned. Jot your idea down and seek your teacher's approval.

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It comes with a rubric if teachers decide they would like to grade them.

These badges caters to all learning styles and needs- Perfect for differentiation!

These badges work with all subject areas - allowing you to enrich and/or extend learning!

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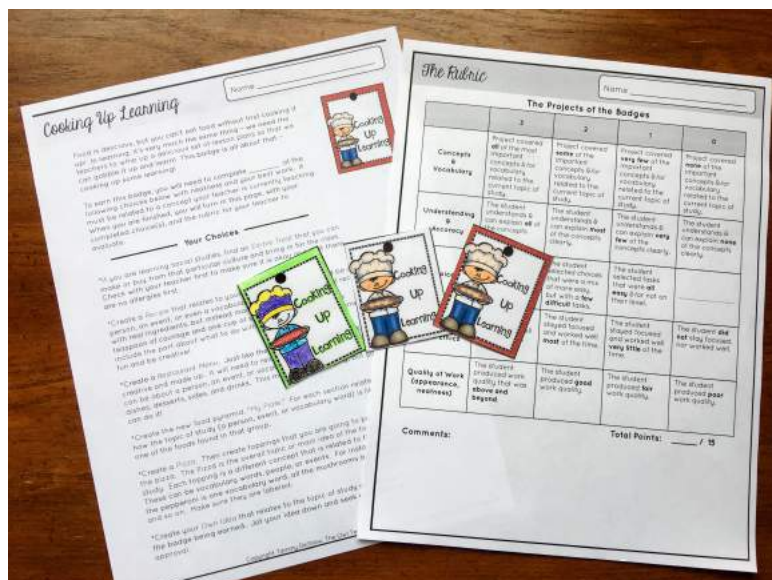
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The Benefits

- It motivates students
- It allows for differentiation
- It allows for mindfulness (the coloring of the "Personalize It" tag version)
- You can implement growth mindset with these tags by encouraging students to work toward areas that are challenging to them.
- It meets students' needs, interests, and abilities
- It provides choice
- It helps save time in planning
- It allows students to work at their own pace
- It's perfect for early finishers
- It helps enrich and extend learning
- They increase student ownership and empowers learners
- They promote independence and responsibility
- They can easily adapt to multiple subject areas (interdisciplinary!)
- They are student-centered
- Students can showcase their skills mastered & practice new skills
- They build classroom community
- It makes learning fun and engaging



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Teacher Information Page

What are Academic Badges?

These academic badges can be used for classroom management or for academic purposes. Much like Girl Scout or Boy Scout Badges, students must complete a series of choices related to the badge theme and the concept being taught in class. Once these are completed to the teacher's satisfaction, then the student has earned the academic badge.

So what specifically makes these Academic Badges different and unique?

- Teachers can adjust the amount of activities that need to be completed in order to earn the academic badge. This allows for differentiation.
- There are 41 class tags to earn. That allows for one badge a week to implement throughout the entire school year!
- These badges can be used for nearly any subject area and concept.
- The choices for the badges vary allowing to meet the variety of needs and learning styles in your classroom
- These badges can be used as assignments in class and collected as grades. A rubric is included if you so desire to use it.

How do academic badges work?

Depending on how you choose to use them, you can have students work on them individually when they finish their work early, or simply assign students to work on one badge a week. Another option is work together as a class to earn the badge.

For example, if you are teaching point of view in reading, after sufficiently teaching it, you could tell students they need to pick a class tag they would like to earn. You will choose how many choices they should complete related to point of view. All of the badges should lend themselves well to each subject. However, some will require a bit of critical thinking. This prevents you from having to create an assignment and allows both student choice and differentiation in the classroom. Further, by grading the activities you are able to see if students are fully grasping the concepts while they are earning a class badge. Finally, this allows the opportunity for all students to earn a badge, rather than just a select set of students who are always "well-behaved," such as in the classroom management tags. It's a win-win!

Newspaper Captain

Name _____

The newspaper seems a little outdated, but it really isn't. Many people all over the world still receive their newspaper weekly and many others read it online. The newspaper has many exciting parts to it and its full of important news that helps keep everyone informed. The more informed you are, the more of a newspaper captain you can be!



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————— Your Choices —————

*In the newspaper, there is a section called the editorial page where the editor writes his or her opinion on current events and then usually, close by there is a section where readers can write in their opinions called the op-ed. Write an *Opinion Piece* about the topic of study as if you were writing to a newspaper. Include what you have learned, your opinion, why you have that opinion, and any other important information to support your thoughts.

*Create a *Comic Strip* that helps students remember the most important concept or idea related to the topic of study. Make sure that it is no more than six frames and it is neat and easy to read.

*Write a *Featured Top Story* about a topic of study. Include the most important events and the who, what, where, why, when, and how, if possible. Remember to think about your audience and make it interesting but truthful. It is always best to support your statements with facts.

*Create an *Advertisement* in the newspaper that focuses on the topic of study and gets the main idea across. It must be attractive and interesting.

*Create a *Classified Ad*. A classified ad is usually requesting help for a job, an apartment, a car, or other items. Sometimes it is people requesting these things or it is people who are offering them. Place a classified ad related to your topic. It can be a person, a vocabulary word, or event.

*Create your *Own Idea* that relates to the topic of study and relates to the badge being earned. Jot your idea down and seek your teacher's approval.