



This guide is designed to help you create a Nearpod lesson, which is **Step 2** on your [NCE application](#). Follow the steps below to ensure that you design an engaging lesson for your students.

We'll check your lesson for 3 main areas:

1. Measurable Objective
2. Appropriate Pacing
3. Student Interactivity

1. MEASURABLE OBJECTIVE

The objective should answer:

- Who will do what?
- By when?
- How well?
- Under what conditions?



For more of an explanation, check out this [Nearpod lesson on measurable objectives](#):

2. APPROPRIATE PACING

Nearpod lessons should be **designed to be less than one class period**, and they should keep in mind the attention span of their audience.

Remember that your students should be doing most of the work. Limit content slides, and intersperse content with collaboration and checks for understanding.

Think
 "I do, we do, you do."
 (AKA the "Gradual Release Model"
 for lesson scaffolding.)



For an example of what this looks like, check out [this short video from the Teaching Channel](#):

3. STUDENT INTERACTIVITY

Nearpod has a myriad of ways that a teacher can check for understanding, and that students can share what they know.

Let's check out some examples.

- **A Great Opener:** A great way to start a lesson is to use *Collaborate*, an *Open-Ended Question*, or *Draw It* to activate prior knowledge and generate excitement about a lesson.
- **Generate Discussion:** Use *Collaborate* to ask students to share their opinions and let that fuel a class discussion. You can also upload text or an image as the background on a *Draw-It* activity, and have students annotate it.
- **Check For Understanding:** Create an exit ticket using a *Poll* or a *Quiz*. You can share poll results with the rest of the class, and data from quizzes can drive future instruction.

Add these formative assessments to engage your students.



Now it's up to you!

Use your professional knowledge and your creativity to create an amazing lesson, and let the Nearpod platform engage, inspire and connect your students in a more meaningful way!

Once you have created your lesson, you'll be ready to move on to **Step 3** of your application, using the lesson to teach at least 15 students.

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