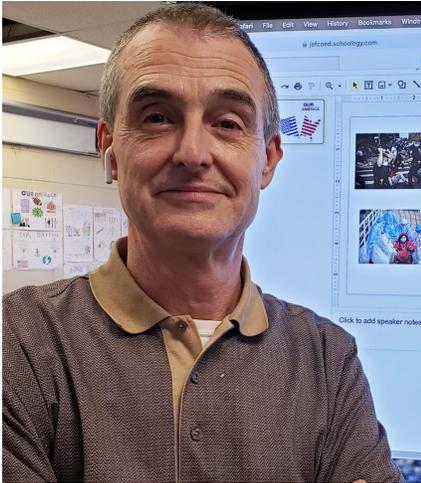


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## TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Meet **Mr. Michael Chick!** Mr. Chick teaches Government and Economics and AP courses. During a recent classroom visit, he was reviewing digital student poster projects. This project required students to produce a digital one pager where they used images to summarize historical information in Government class. This closure activity allowed students to show understanding while also deepening their connection to the material. When asked about the importance of an activity that focuses on visual literacy and summarization, Mr. Chick mentioned that "visual depictions of thoughts and ideas allow students to emotionally engage with the content." He added that "the one pager summarizing strategy is another opportunity for students to organize their thinking via images to express themselves in a manner comprehensible to others." Lastly, Mr. Chick also shared that this type of activity is good for not only showing learning, but also extending learning in the blended environment.

## KEY ARTICLE

There are many benefits to allowing students of all grade levels to engage in summarizing through various summarization strategies. See article below which details the power of summarizing: [Summarizing](#) (click title).

## POWER STRATEGIES

Student summarization of a lesson or of a reading reinforces the learning. There are several techniques and strategies for summarizing. Try these resources and strategies:

1. [Get The Gist](#)
2. [One Pager](#)
  - A. [Digital One Pager Set Up](#)

## DR. NELSON'S ADVICE

One of the key ideas that is on the minds of many educators right now is heightening student learning and retention during blended learning. There is no one magic strategy or tech tool that will do that job. However, there are strategies and tools that might aid in those efforts. Student summarization as the conclusion activity of a lesson is a powerful strategy to incorporate for any grade level. Research has shown that summarization is a great tool for increasing student retention of information as it has a strong effect on student recall. Including the use of visual images certainly takes this powerful strategy to the next level.