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10 Ways To Be A Lazy Teacher!

1. Set up a 'Help Desk' where students can post and find answers to questions. That way you won't be bothered 20 times with the same question!
2. Get students to mark and evaluate work based on how much it made them think. Students who think about thinking will learn a lot.
3. Ask students to design and write the test that they then do next lesson. Place emphasis on question style to develop awareness of 'command words' in questions so it looks like you did it.
4. Yes! You've guessed it! They then mark their own tests as they have also written the mark scheme!
5. Ask students to write down five things they don't know about a new topic. They then 'Bring and Buy' questions and answers. Plan your remaining lessons on what the students want and need to know.
6. End a lesson by asking students to write down five things that they are annoyed that they still don't know about the topic. (After all, it must be frustrating if you never get asked what you want to know!)
7. Get the students to set the outcome for the next lesson based on what they have done in the current lesson. This could be content or skills.
8. In group work ensure they all have roles and responsibilities over and above the task. Why should you be the one hunting for the glue stick when the bell has gone?
9. Ridiculously Rapid Revision– ask each group to take a topic and deliver a two-minute presentation on it. It could be live or pre-recorded. Put the films and podcasts on your departmental website. Take credit for the best ones.
10. Finally, share with them your philosophy on being 'lazy but great'. Students need to understand what you believe in before they can deliver the results.

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