

YOU SHOULD KNOW!: AN INTRODUCTION TO EDSTEPS

What is EdSteps?

EdSteps is a grassroots effort to create a resource for teaching and assessment. Rather than a pre-set rubric, EdSteps uses authentic student work as the starting point. Its centerpiece will be a large, free online library of student work samples in five key skill areas. For each skill area, student work will be presented in a continuum — a gradual progression — from emerging to accomplished. This will create a tool to assess student performance and growth in skills that are traditionally difficult and costly to assess in schools, and demonstrate to educators concrete examples of what is possible for students of all ability levels.

Why Should I Participate?

For two reasons: One, you can win one of two \$1,000 Visa gift cards – and you can enter as many times as you want! See our website at www.edsteps.org for details. Two, this is your chance to participate in developing a resource to improve student assessment for years to come. It's easy, and only takes a few minutes.

How Can I Get Involved?

You can upload it with a click at www.edsteps.org. It can be a word problem or a science report. It can be a painting or a musical composition. It can be a new approach to addressing a global issue or an invention. It is student work, and EdSteps is collecting it from every corner of the country and across the globe. Right now, the focus of EdSteps is on obtaining work samples in **Creativity and Problem Solving for Learning**. See our website for information on what we're looking for and how to contribute.