

Bridges

What makes a bridge?
What is the purpose of a bridge?
Have you ever thought of how many bridges you see every day?
Can you think back through your day to where you saw or walked/drove/climbed over a bridge?

There are bridges in your thinking too! Have you ever thought about how one idea connects to another and then you start thinking about something very different to when you began?

Does the internet provide a bridge to the world? Is this a new thought?
Can you think about where/what you connected to today through the internet bridge?

Could you jot down your thinking where you connected as you explored a new idea?
Create this like a spider web. Think very hard!

So is Facebook a bridge?
Is it a good bridge or a challenging one? Draw up a list of for/against for using Facebook as a bridge.



Do you have someone in your life that helps you to move from one feeling or thought to another? Have you told them that that is what they do for you and how helpful this is?

Are their other bridges in your life?

Do you sometimes need something or someone that connects you to a new idea or a new person? Some people are very clever at helping you to set up connections. Can you think of people you know who do this well? Jot down a few names.

Think about what these people do to connect you or your friends to each other or other people. Are you a connector? Can you develop these skills?

Some groups provide a bridge to new communities.

Can you think of what you needed/or would need to feel comfortable in a new community? Who could help you or who did help you?

Can you think about what you needed when you joined a new group?

Can you jot down some of the people in your life who do this well for you?



Bridges can be categorized in many different ways – structural design, materials used, what/who uses them, fixed/movable.

Draw as many different styles of bridge that you can think of. Check online to see if you were correct.

Now think about what these bridges are connecting?

Are they connecting roads? Paths?

Think about why a bridge has been used.

Could something else have done the connecting other than a bridge?

Can you create a bridge with one piece of paper?

What sort of bridge will you create?

Can you draw all the connections that you have made in the past hour? Can you draw who/what you connected with and what that bridge between you looked like? Follow the path of your thinking. Show that in your drawing.



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