



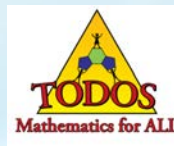
# Humanizing Online Mathematics Teaching

## *Possibilities and Resistance*

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*The mission of TODOS: Mathematics for ALL is to advocate for equity and high quality mathematics education for all students— in particular, Latina/o students.*

# Introductions



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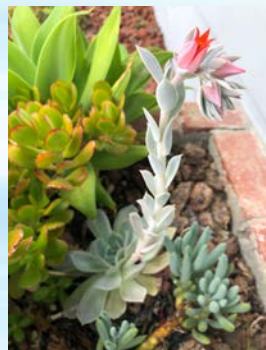
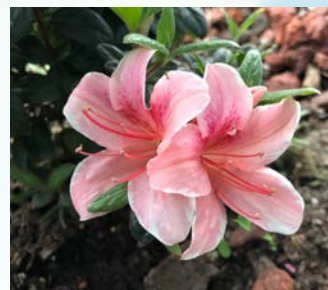
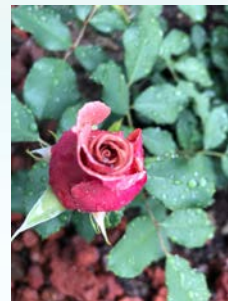
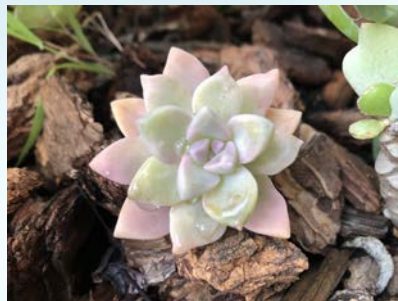
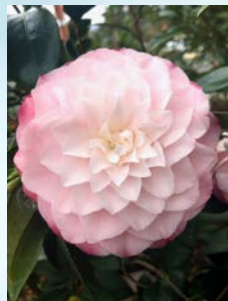


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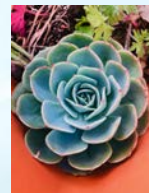




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# Mindful Moment for Mathematics



Consider: How can you incorporate  
mindful math moments with your  
students?



Perspectives  
Informing  
Our Praxis

# Re Humanizing Online Mathematics Teaching

Paulo Freire [Pedagogy of the Oppressed](#) (1970): Process of *becoming* more fully human, never-ending process of struggle against oppression

Lisa Kelly (2020): We are not online teaching; we are [REECHing](#) (Remote Emergency Education for Community Health)

Imani Goffney and Rochelle Gutierrez (2018) [Rehumanizing mathematics](#) for Black, Indigenous, and Latinx students—honoring that humans have been practicing mathematics for centuries in ways that are humane

# Be an advocate for access

- Technology
- Basic human needs
  - Food, shelter, safe space, clean clothes, school supplies
- Organized communication with families



# Build and sustain beloved mathematics classroom community

1. Online math class norms

2. Community builders for collective math power

3. Math autobiographies and storytelling

4. Temperature checks, in relation to and beyond the math





# Build and sustain beloved mathematics classroom community

## 1. Online math classroom norms

Norms > Rules

Co-create!

Display!

Reflect & Process Check

Chat a  
norm  
idea!

Keep your mind and heart where your feet are. Be present. That said, our families and family needs are not distractions.

Demand of yourself openness of mind and heart. Be comfortable with being uncomfortable. You also have a right to pass.

Listen deeply to each other's mathematical ideas in the virtual room.

Encourage, ask a question, or share an idea; but don't just share answers.

Mathematical dialogue and debate is wonderful. [No one's humanity is up for debate.](#)

Make space, take space. Take turns!

Ask critical questions, of math and the world, and share your "why."

We (do our best to) start on time and end on time.

Try not to interrupt, but if you do, apologize. Mute your mic when not speaking.

Everyone is a mathematician. [Confusion and uncertainty is expected doing mathematics.](#)

Use personal pronouns and gender-conscious language. You may "re-name" yourself to include pronouns.

We expect your full and safe participation in our online sessions.





# Build and sustain beloved mathematics classroom community

## 2. Community builders for collective math power

Chat a mathy icebreaker

Show and share about an object that represents your journey as a math student (mathematical storytelling)

3 variables about yourself  
(algebra)

Concentric Circles: Students discuss get-to-know-you prompt in pairs, then broaden prompts as you combine groups again and again until class is discussing all together (geometry)

An important number in your life and why it means a lot to you (numeracy)

Community Resource Mapping: Create and share a map of community assets (geometry)

## Build and sustain beloved mathematics classroom community

### 3. Math autobiographies & storytelling

- Math autobiography assignment
- Invite storytelling of students' math experiences in spring semester, math in their lives this summer, and the math in the world they wonder about right now (numbers, relationships, representations, etc.)
- Check out this [Woke Math blogpost](#) on telling stories in math class

Consider: What parts of *your* math journey will you share with students?

# MATH AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Use the following guidelines to write a six paragraph letter to me explaining your her/history and experience with mathematics. This letter is an opportunity for you to explore your identity as a math student (and growing mathematician!). Please neatly write or type your final letter. Stick to the letter format as shown below, and indent for every paragraph.

## August

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

Paragraph 1: My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am \_\_\_\_\_ years-old, a \_\_\_\_\_  
am a \_\_\_\_\_th grader at [our school name]. Add a few more sentences about  
yourself here!

**Paragraph 2: What are your strengths and weaknesses as a student?**  
For example, strengths are things you're good at, part of your personality that you are proud of, things people compliment you on, etc. Weaknesses are areas where you want to learn more, get stronger, places where you struggle as a student, etc.

**Paragraph 3: What do you think about math? Do you like/love/enjoy math? Why or why not? Explain.**

**Paragraph 4:** What have your math classes been like in the past? How did the last school year of math go for you?  
Do not only write about your grades but your *experience* learning and with your teacher.

**Paragraph 5: Why do you think math is important for you to learn? Think of all the reasons you can. Do you believe that math can be used to understand and change the world? Why or why not?**

**Paragraph 6:** What are your goals for math class this school year? List all of them and explain why you are reaching for those goals. Explain *who* will help you to reach your goals.

**Include anything else at the end of the letter that you would like to include. 😊**

**Sincerely / Peace / Your student (pick one!).**

(Your signature in cursive)

# Build and sustain beloved mathematics classroom community

## 4. Temperature checks



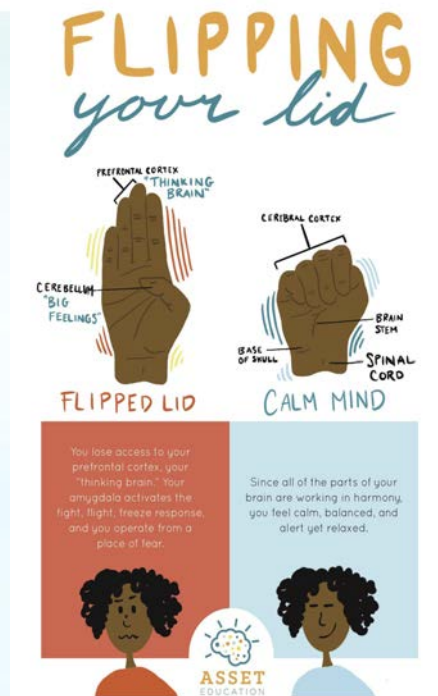
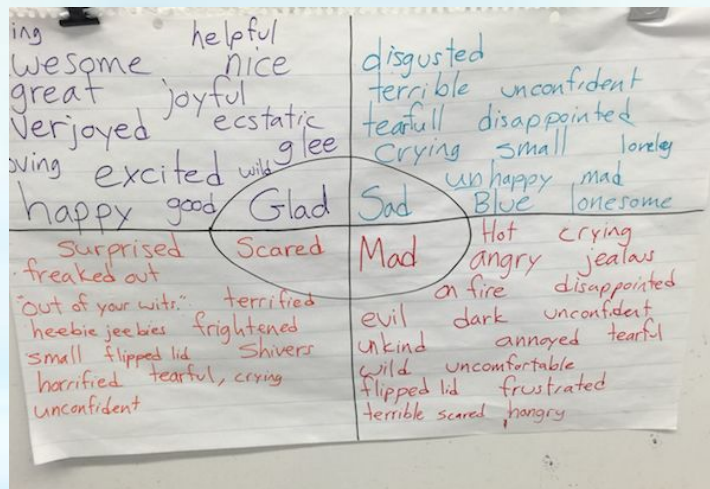
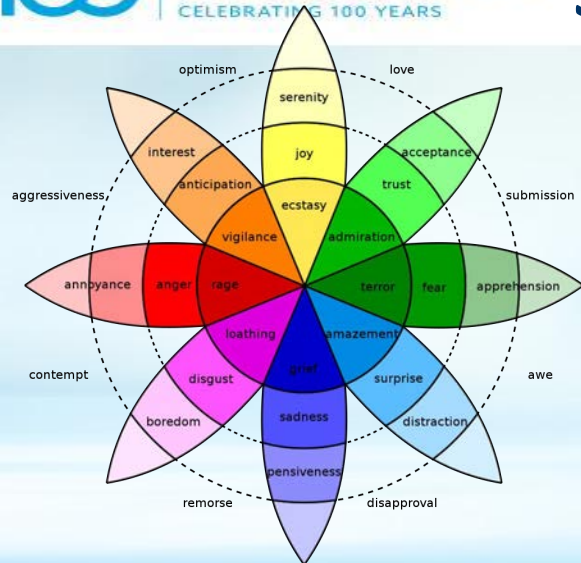
- A high and a low
- A rose and a thorn
- Represent your week in an emoji or hashtag
- Share how you are doing in the form of a weather pattern
- What is one joyful practice that is energizing you (as a student or human in the world)?
- What is on your mind most in this time?
- What support do you need, and do you have what you need to get it?





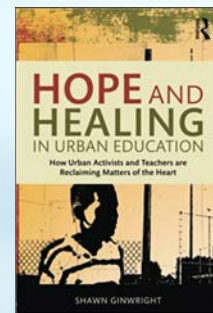
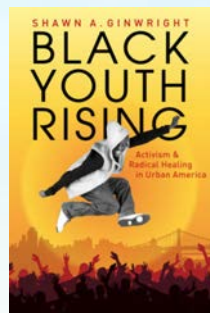
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# Social Emotional Learning & Healing



“Healing centered engagement offers an important departure from solely viewing young people through the lens of harm and focuses on asset driven strategies that highlight possibilities for well-being.”

**Shawn A. Ginwright**



Dan Siegl's  
**Flipping Your Lid**  
JG Larochette  
**Mindful Life Project**





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# Mathematizing Emotions

Desmos &  
Distance  
Learning  
Resources

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If you'd like, say more about your response below.

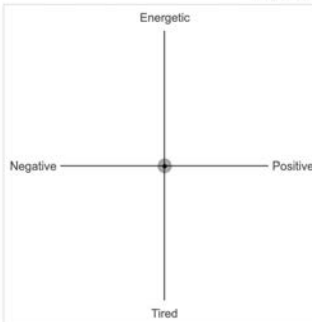


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Where are you at today?

Drag the point to show how you're feeling today.

If you'd like, say more about your response below.



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## Webinars & Training

### Webinars

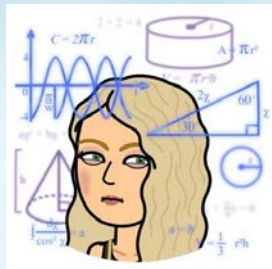
Whether you're a new or frequent Desmos user, we have webinars that can support your development. Sign up for an upcoming webinar or view one of the recordings.

Webinars

### Self-Paced Learning

Check out our bank of short tutorials, which can help you learn beginning, intermediate, and advanced Desmos tools.

Learn More



# Humanizing Essential Questions, Assessments, & Activities in Math

## Essential Questions

- How can you take multiple steps to solve problems in our communities?
- How do mathematical relationships tell stories?
- How can using mathematics make solving problems easier?
- Why and how are graphs useful?
- How do we represent and predict growth?
- Where does mathematics live in nature?
- What is the relationship between mathematics and antiracism?

[Check out the Decolonize Your Curriculum FB Page for more ideas](#)

## Assessments

- Digital portfolios: How can they capture transfer of understanding? Of my students empowering themselves as mathematicians?
- Focus on the metacognitive: Know-Want to Know-Learned charts, Exit Tickets, Self and group reflections

## Activities - Mix it up!

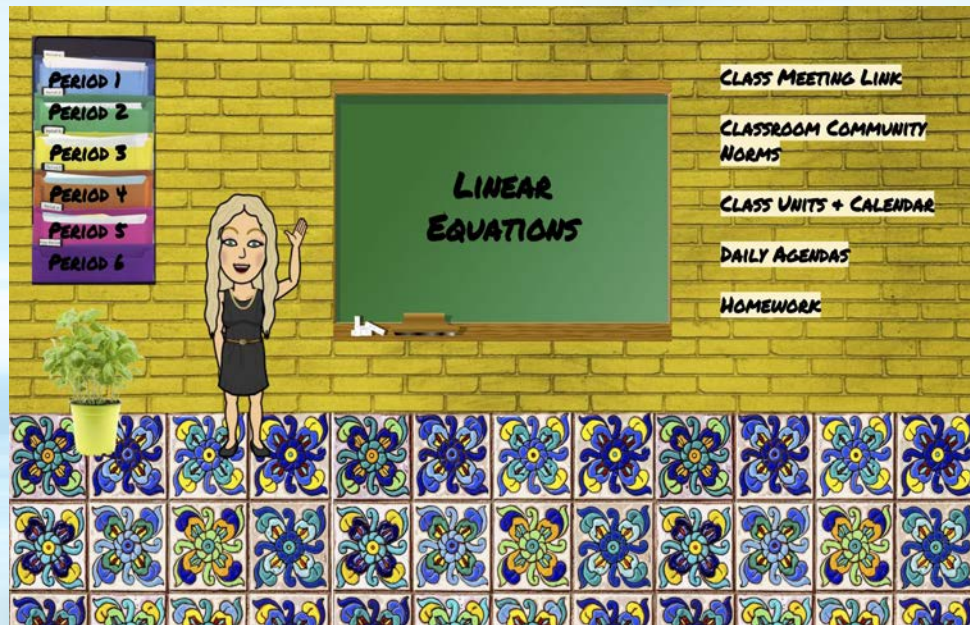
- Quick write
- Number Talk / Math Talk
- Poll
- Digital collaborative whiteboard
- Digital interactive notebooks
- Quizzes: Quizizz and Kahoot
- Pair share in breakout rooms
- Group work in breakout rooms
- Digital gallery walk
- Jigsaw
- Graphic organizer
- Flip the classroom with asynchronous interactive pre-recorded video viewing

# Be present with students and mathematics

- Connect with students and families
  - Aspirational, Linguistic, Familial, Social, Navigational, Resistant capital (Yosso, 2005)
- Consistency/normalcy- routine warm-ups, check-ins, themes throughout the week
- Technology resources/tools
  - Edpuzzle, Desmos, Flipgrid, etc



# Humanizing Math Tech Tools: Google Classroom



[How to create a virtual bitmoji scene in google classroom](#)

- Home Base for assignments
- Google Sites also a good option
- Counselor Information
- Parent Information

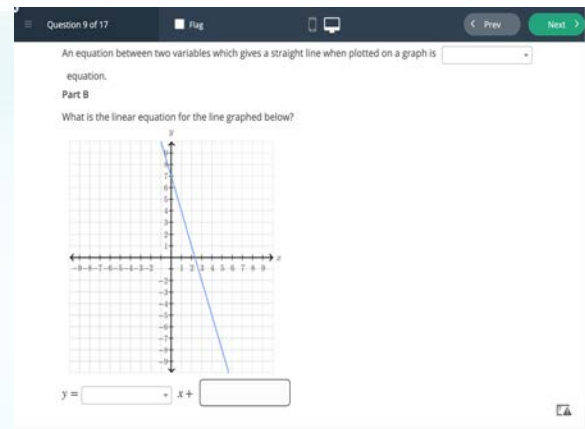
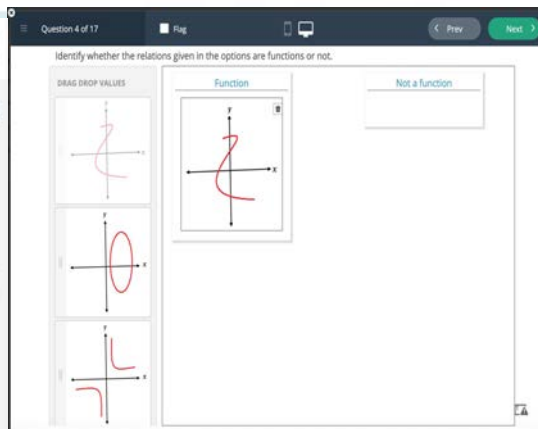
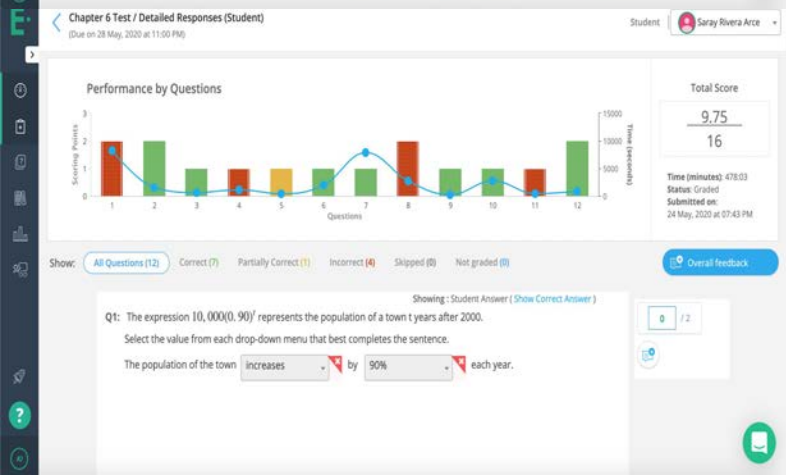
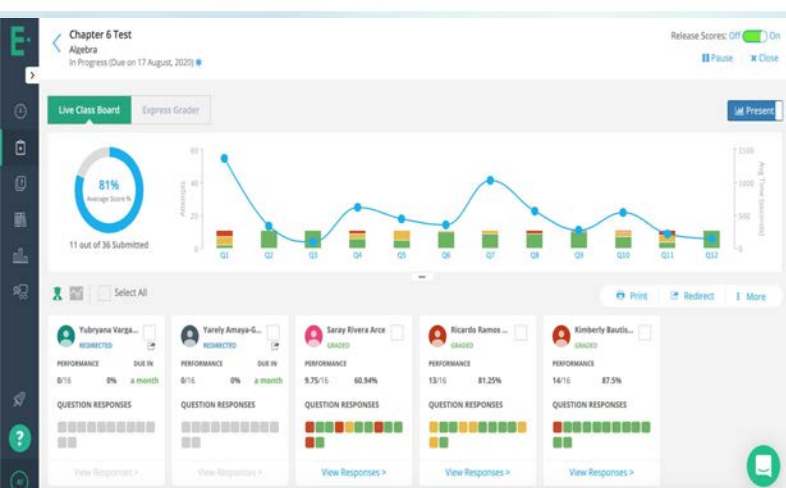


Ashley Guerrero [bit.ly/agvirtualmuseum](https://bit.ly/agvirtualmuseum)





# Humanizing Math Tech Tools: Edulastic



EDITING TOOL

Select item to apply action, tap again for properties

Q: Peter hired a cleaning company to clean his house. The cleaning company charges a fixed fee of \$15 plus \$17 per hour to clean a house.

a. Write an equation that can be used to determine  $c$ , the total amount in dollars that the cleaning company charges to clean a house in  $h$  hours.

b. The cleaning company charged a total of \$83 to clean Peter's house. How many hours did it take to clean Peter's house? Show or explain how you got your answer.

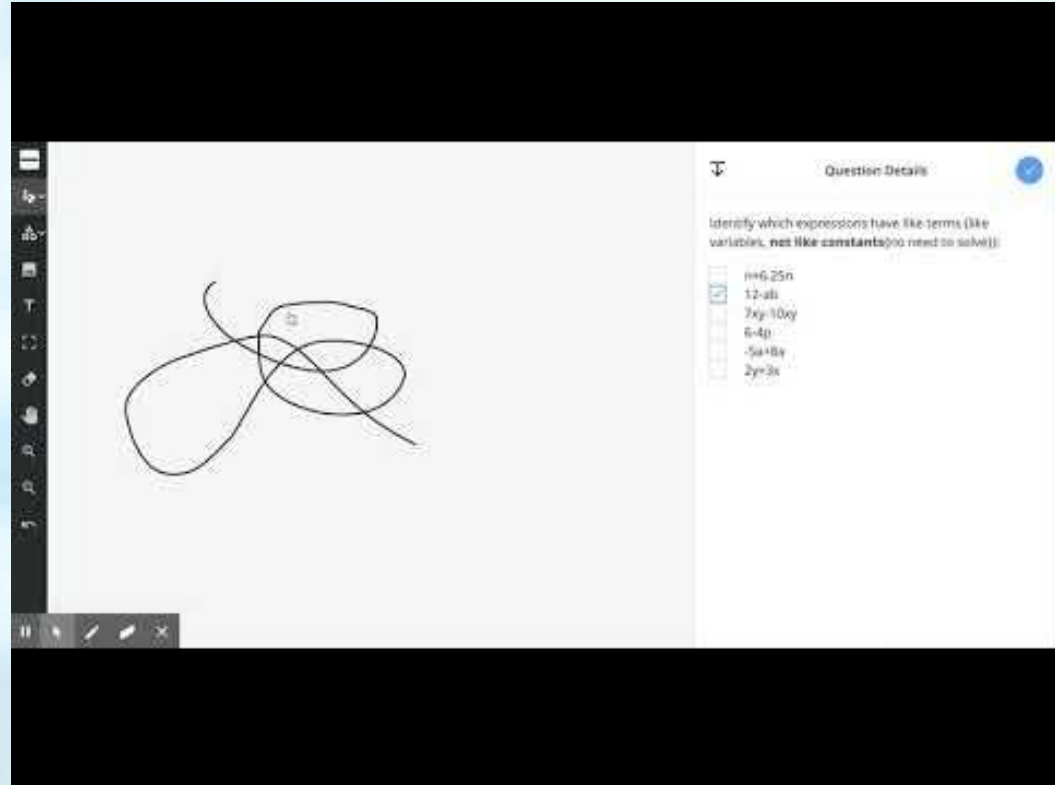
A second cleaning company charges \$20 per hour to clean a house. The second company does **not** charge a fixed fee in addition to their hourly rate.

c. For what number of hours is the total amount charged for cleaning a house the same for both companies? Show or explain how you got your answer.



# Humanizing Math Tech Tools: GoFormative

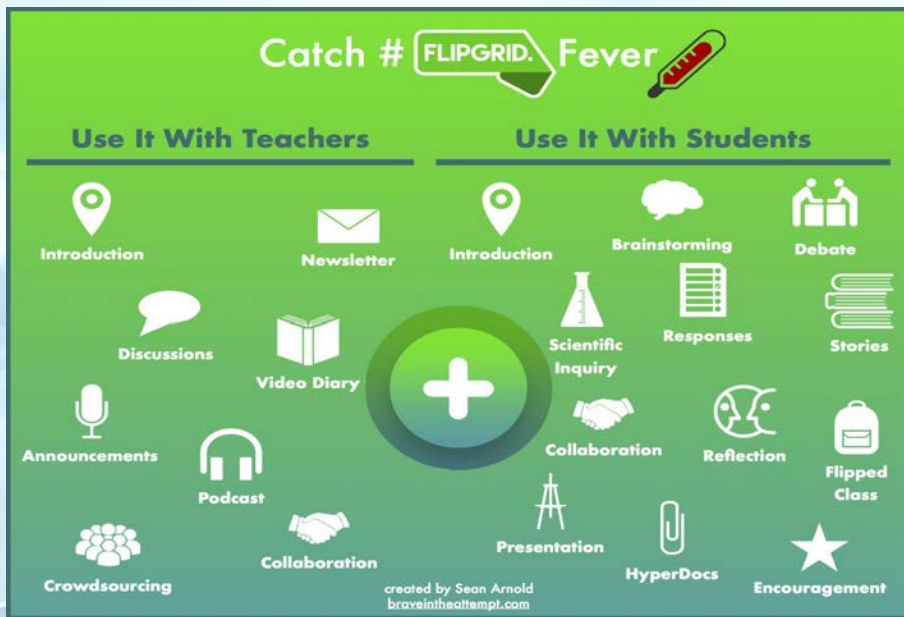
- Standards Based Question Bank
- Opportunity for student uploads of work
- “Scribble” option for students to show work
- IMMEDIATE LIVE intervention with students via text box within a student’s assignment while they are working on the assignment





# Humanizing Math Tech Tools: FlipGrid

## FlipGrid Tutorial



**Getting Started with Flipgrid for Remote Learning | Saturday, July 11, 2020, 10:00 AM CT (16:00 DST)** Join the live broadcast on [Youtube](#) or on [Facebook](#).

**Getting Started - Coaches/Specialists | Thursday, July 16, 2020, 10:00 AM CT (16:00 DST)** [Click this link to join](#) at the time listed!

**Getting Started with Flipgrid | Monday, July 20, 2020, 11:00 AM CT (17:00 DST)** [Click this link to join](#) at the time listed!

**Educator Innovation Week | July 27 - July 31... details coming soon!**

# Humanizing Math Tech Tools: Desmos

## Pandemic - I notice, I wonder

Desmos "Self Portrait" by Jared Georgeron Elsenie

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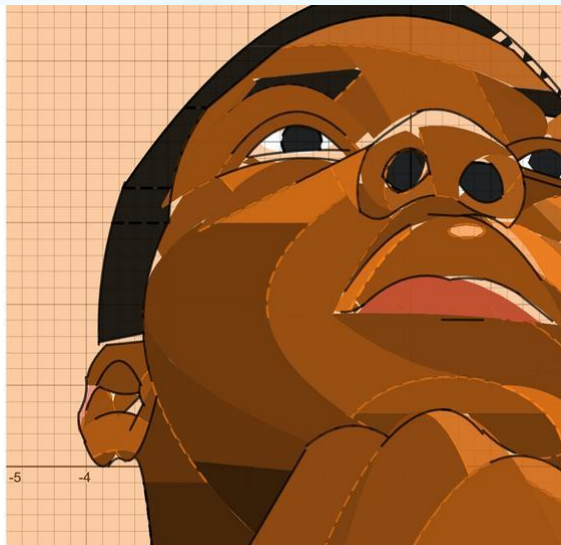
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Desmos "Sketch the Relationship"

Screen 3 of 13

Sketch the Relationship

Resources

Options

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time (seconds)





# Humanizing Math Tech Tools: EdPuzzle

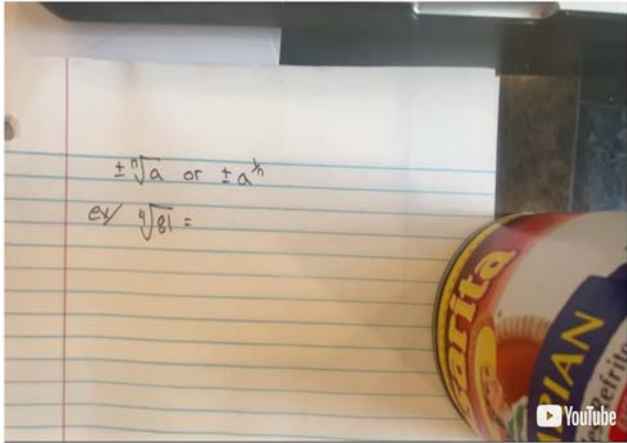
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## 6.2 Finding nth roots

Kelsey Ingham



NOTE

Try to solve this example. Refer to the rule we just went over.

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edpuzzle

Let us help your school review Edpuzzle and get ready for next school year! Learn More

First in queue: Normal Ed...

Video events

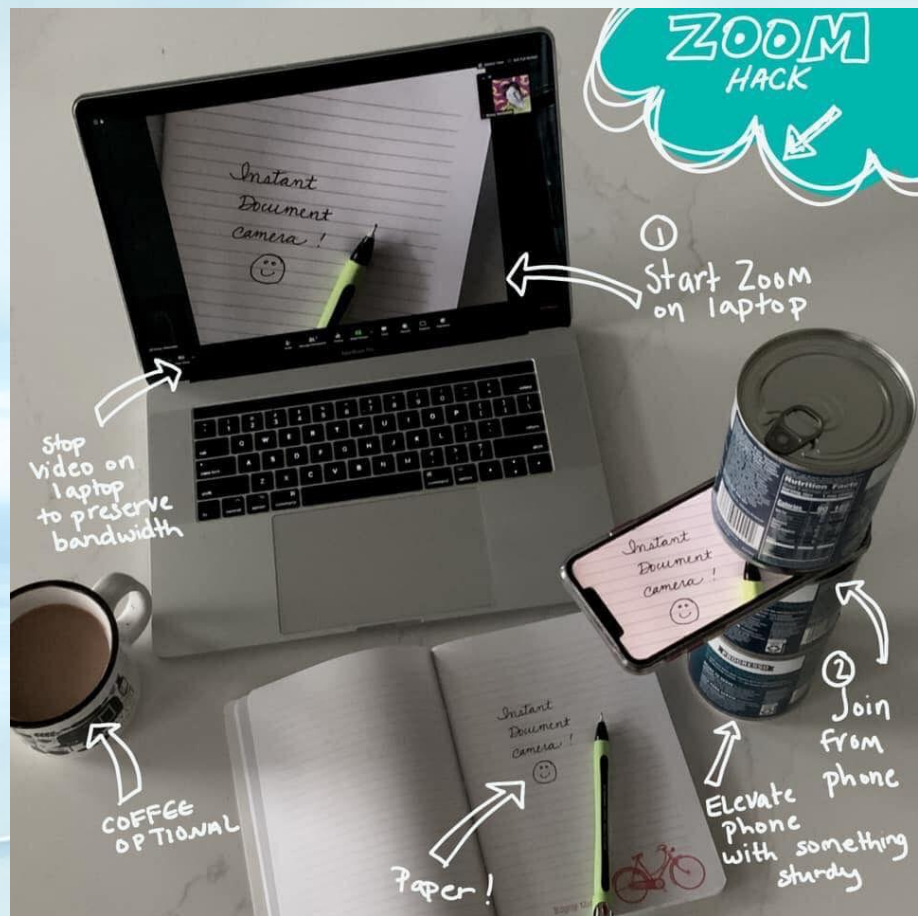
Proof of quadratic formula

YouTube

8 Remotely (Search Video Monitor to sharing your screen. Pin photo) Full



# Digital Pep Talk for Teaching Math



Don't expect yourself  
to learn every  
awesome math tech  
tool or trick this year.

Do the best you can.  
Use what you have,  
and be creative.  
And share your ideas!



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# Teaching about the social and political world in math class

Blogs

Eva Thanheiser

Professor of Mathematics Education at Portland State University

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## Numeracy in the time of Covid-19 – #1

or Why we need to teach math to make sense of the world.

*Numeracy “the ability to understand  
and work with numbers”*

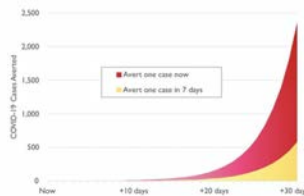
(GOOGLE THE TERM)

Numeracy is essential to understand the world around us. However, unfortunately numeracy is not always a goal in mathematics education. Often the focus is on what algorithms to apply and when rather than to make sense of a situation. That leads to many adults who are not thinking quantitatively when participating in their world.

### COVID-19, Exponential Growth, and the Power of Showing Up in Social Solidarity:

#### The Math Behind the Virus

Task by Dr. Mary Candace Raygoza, Assistant Professor of Education, Saint Mary's College of California  
For feedback and further ideas, email [mcr13@stmarys-ca.edu](mailto:mcr13@stmarys-ca.edu)



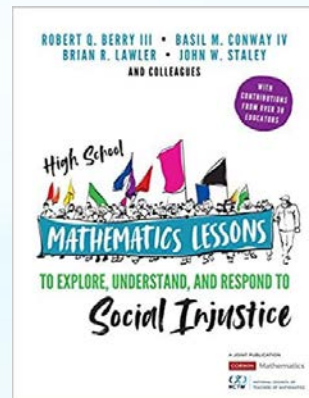
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Graph from Dr. Britta Jewell.

#### Mathematical Questions: Making Sense of the Graph

- Looking at the graph...
  - What do you notice?
  - What do you wonder?
- What is the meaning of “+” days on the x-axis?
- What does avert mean? What does “COVID-19 cases averted” mean on the y-axis?
- At +20 days, how many cases of COVID-19 would be averted if one case was averted now? How does this compare with how many cases of COVID-19 would be averted if one case was averted in 7 days?
- At +30 days, how many cases of COVID-19 would be averted if one case was averted now? How does this compare with how many cases of COVID-19 would be averted if one case was averted in 7 days?
- How are the functions represented in this graph similar and different?
- What conclusions do you draw from analyzing the graph?

#### Public Health and Humanity Questions

- Why does social distancing matter during a viral pandemic?
- What barriers exist for people to participate in social distancing?
- What resources (e.g. locations to access food, neighborhood support, work leave policies) in our community can families access that challenge those barriers? How can we share about them with one another?

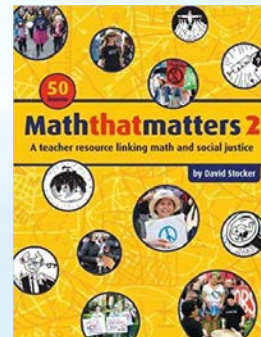
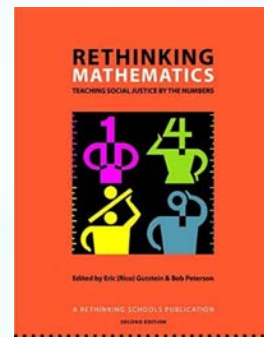


### MATH FOR A CHANGE

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# Acknowledging the Divide between SEL and Social Justice Mathematics

Social and Emotional  
Teaching and  
Learning in a Beloved  
Classroom

Social Justice  
Mathematics

How do I bridge these ideas  
together to help prevent more  
trauma in my classroom as we  
tackle difficult social justice  
topics?



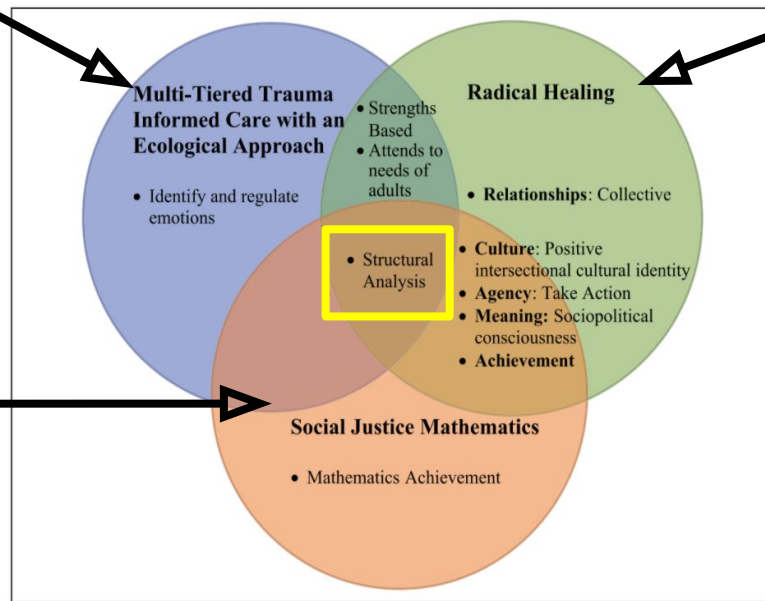




# Where Healing, Social Justice, and Trauma-Informed Care Overlap

- [Temperature Checks](#)
- Mindfulness ([MLP](#))
- Practice without judgement
- Self-Regulation Techniques
- Building A Beloved Classroom (Raygoza)
- Community Building/Research
- Ecology - how we relate to each other and our physical surroundings

- [Social Justice Curricular Ideas](#) (Kari Kokka)
- [Teaching About the Social and Political World](#) - Resource Slide
- Development of “students’ sociopolitical consciousness, or conscientização” (Friere, 1970).
- Observations of geo-political surroundings



**Figure 1.** Theoretical framework for Healing-Informed Social Justice Mathematics.  
Note: Concepts of radical healing represented by the CARMA acronym are listed in bold letters.

CARMA - Culture, Agency, Relationships, Meaning, and Achievement

[Kokka, K. \(2019\). Healing-informed social justice mathematics: Promoting students’ sociopolitical consciousness and well-being in mathematics class. \*Urban Education\*, 54\(9\), 1179-1209.](#)

- Culturally Responsive Pedagogy
- Radical Healing & Healing Justice (CARMA)- [Shawn Ginwright](#)
- Positive Cultural and social identities (Gutstein, 2006)

• Community Research  
“Analysis of structural conditions that impact well-being is important to prevent youth from blaming themselves for their own social emotional states (Ginwright, 2016; McGee & Stovall, 2015).”



# Resistance with Purpose

Resistance is not just saying NO, but directing the narrative of how Math Education is implemented and how we as a greater community work together.

## Identifying your Community's Wants/Needs

School.....What are the students interested in?

Colleagues.....Bring 1 other person to collab with.

Parents.....Parent Liaison/Coordinator

District Administrators.....Begin the conversation

[MTBoS](#) - Math Twitter Blog o Sphere

[Equity and Social Justice in Math Ed Twitter Follow List](#)



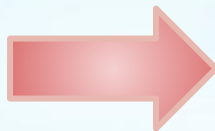
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## RESIST



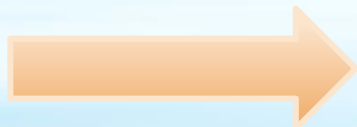
## EMBRACE

*Standardized & High Stakes Assessment*



- [Inquiry and Mathematical Practices](#)
- [Social Justice Mathematics and Science Curricular Resources for K-12 Teachers](#)

*Top-Down Decisions*



- [Student Councils with Site Council](#)
- [Youth-led Participatory Action Research](#) - in math articles by [Raygoza](#), [Terry](#), and [Yang](#).

*Racial Inequities & Systemic Oppression*



- [Promoting Students' Sociopolitical Consciousness and Well-Being in Math Class](#)

*Suspension Rates*



- [Restorative Practices](#) - Candice Rose Valenzuela

# Engage in self and collective math teacher care



Surrender

Resistance: Action  
& Activism

Self-  
Compassion







# Humanizing Online Math Teaching “Syllabus” AKA References

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