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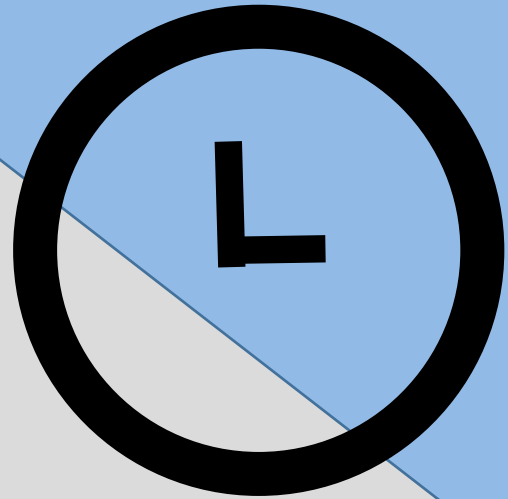*Georgia Southern University*, kcoates@georgiasouthern.edu

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Escape Activity?

Activity involving a narrative story, clues, and secret codes or locks. Objective is to solve the clues and unlock (escape) the situation within a set period of time.

Escape Activities foster collaboration and teamwork, as well as creativity and active hands on learning.

Georgia Standards

The GA Standards of Excellence (GSE) provide a logical, consistent framework across subject areas to prepare students for lifelong learning, college success and the 21st century workplace
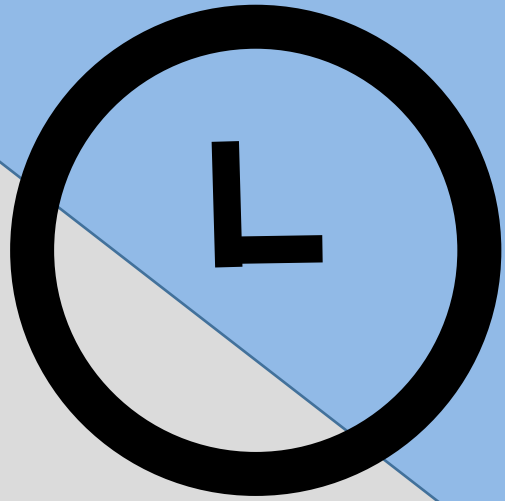
The Common Core Georgia Performance Standards (CCGPS) is aligned to GSE and prepare students:

- with knowledge, skills and abilities to succeed academically
- to be globally competitive
- equally and consistently
- to work collaboratively across the board

Support?

The GA Standards of Excellence (GSE) &

The Common Core GA Performance Standards (CCGPS)

- Active and Visible Learning
- Integrated Learning
- Critical Thinking
- Motivation
- Teamwork
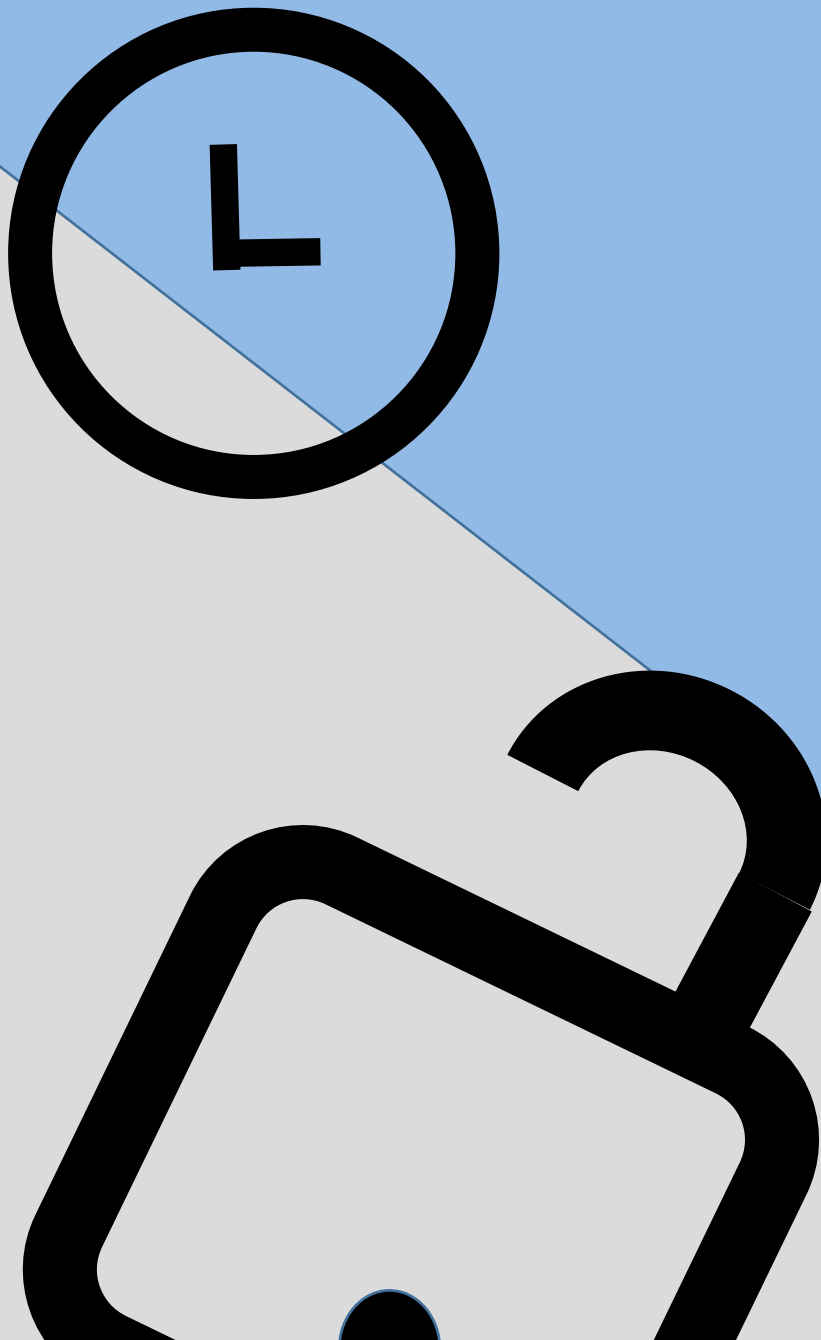- Trust

Selecting the Teams

- Choose a small, diverse team of students
- Important traits of team members:
  - Include a student who is creative
  - Nominate a student with a good grasp of the topic/subject being covered
  - Volunteer a student with a knack for being quirky
  - All participants must love having fun!

Planning

- Determine the learning outcomes for target audience, i.e students
- Develop/create the story/scenario or lesson
- Determine how the learning outcomes will be taught within the story/scenario/lesson
  - devise the clues
- Explore your school library
- Choose props, etc., that help create the Escape Room

Tips

- Set & review goals for lesson plans
- Feel free to brainstorm without commitment
- Process takes longer than you think, cater for significant time input
- Run your escape room with volunteers before implementing
- Get feedback from fellow teachers or peer educators working with the same grade level

Additional Resources

- Supplies with Links
- Tabled List of Supplies
- Literature

Questions/Comments.

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