

## BREAKING NEWS

# Homework

## is a hot topic

**Materials:** Worksheet copies, template copies, pens or pencils, timer

**Directions:** Read the worksheet, complete the activity and discuss as a group.

What do you think when you hear the word “homework”?

Does your stomach churn, your heart sink and your brain hurt?

### Homework is all about how you think of it. Homework is about attitude.

Everyone has issues with homework from time to time. But changing your mindset, refocusing on why homework is important, can turn angst into oomph!

For today’s activity, we’re going to create a news segment about this often-dreaded subject.



### ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Divide equally into Team A and Team B. Each team will create a news segment on the importance of homework. Using the template as a guide, assign each team member a role.
- 2 Answer the questions on the template. You’ll have 8 minutes to assign roles, answer the questions and create your news segments.

*(Set the timer for 8 minutes.)*

- 3 When the timer sounds, Team A will act out their news segment. When Team A is finished, Team B can ask questions about the news segment. Then, Team B will act out their news segment with Team A asking questions.
- 4 When both teams are finished, let’s discuss the following questions:
  - What new ideas about homework did you learn today?
  - What new actions will you take to complete your homework?
- 5 This week, try one new thing related to doing homework. Next week, report back on how it worked!

**Directions:** Below are roles for your news segment. As a team, check which roles you want to include and the name of the person who will play the role.

NEWS SEGMENT ROLE	PLAYED BY
News anchor	
Reporter	
Teacher(s)	
Student(s)	
Parent(s)	
Counselor(s)	
Other roles	

### POSITIVE THINGS ABOUT HOMEWORK

**Directions:** Discuss the following questions as a team and fill in the lines. Each team will include the answers in their news segment.

Why is homework important?

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Why should you be motivated to do homework?

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What long-lasting results will doing homework achieve?

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