BUILD. RETRIEVE. THINK. / CLASSROOM RESOURCE

Single Lesson Planner

Design Backward. Teach Forward.

Lesson / Topic: _____ **Grade / Subject:** _____

PLAN BACKWARD THINK → RETRIEVE → BUILD

01 THINK / The destination

What should students explain, analyze, evaluate, or connect?

Write one meaningful thinking question or outcome.

02 RETRIEVE / The bridge

What specific knowledge must students recall to answer that question?

Write 2–3 retrieval prompts that deliberately prepare students for THINK.

03 BUILD / The foundation

What knowledge and context must students learn first?

List the essential facts, concepts, vocabulary, examples, or context.

TEACH FORWARD BUILD → RETRIEVE → THINK

BUILD	→	RETRIEVE	→	THINK
Teach the foundation		Recall what matters		Use knowledge to reason

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