Get Started With...

**Flexible Pacing**

1. **Start at the End**
   Identify a learning or skill goal. Plan backwards from the goal: identify the learning experiences (lessons, activities, formative assessments, etc.) that students need to practice to master those goals. Make sure to set pacing parameters or boundaries! Template: Backwards Planning.

2. **Classify Lessons**
   Decide which activities are essential and should be required, which are useful for additional practice or asking students to apply understanding in a new way, and which are extensions and allow students to pursue interests or to deepen their understanding. Template: Lesson Classifications.

3. **Ditch the Podium**
   Make teacher-created instructional videos: avoid whole class lectures, replicate yourself, and make your instruction available on demand.

4. **Choose and Track**
   Set the stage for student agency, share learning paths and target dates, and encourage students to self-monitor. Template: Playlists and Progress Trackers.

5. **Make Groups Work**
   Embed collaboration in daily routines: discussions of larger themes, review of isolated skills, openers and closers, peer feedback and small group workshopping. Encourage a culture of spontaneous, organic collaboration. Plan ahead and set dates for whole class activities: labs, seminars, debates, etc.