

# Cubing

## **Purpose:**

Cubing is a literacy strategy which uses a concrete visual of a cube with its six sides to serve as a starting point for consideration of the multiple dimensions of topics within subject areas.

## **Procedure:**

To introduce cubing, start with a familiar topic and model the process. Then, assign more complex topics once students have a grasp of how the process works. The students examine the topic using the prompts from the six sides of the cube.

For example:

Describe It

How would you describe this issue/topic?

Compare It

What is it similar to or different from?

Associate It

What does it make you think of?

Analyze It

How is it made or what is it composed of; how would you break it into smaller parts?

Apply It

How can it be used? How does it help you understand other topics?

Argue for/against It

Take a stand and support it.

**Materials-** -Text or passage

-Cube