



# HOMEWORK

## Does it Help or Hurt?

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### Checklist: Effective Assignments

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(adapted from *Five Hallmarks of Good Homework* by Cathy Vatterott)

1. Purpose
2. Efficiency
3. Ownership
4. Competence
5. Aesthetic Appeal

### Choose the Best Methods

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- Should students handwrite or type?
- Does copying help students memorize?
- Does practice, review, and drilling really work?
- Should it be graded?

### Make Homework Help, Not Hurt

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1. Is the length of the assignment detracting from the effectiveness?
2. Have parents been given any guidance?
3. Are the students ready for the assignment (background knowledge required)?
4. Is the time on task jeopardizing the homework's effectiveness?
5. What are the students' attitudes about homework?