

Trends



Task Starters

Describe the trends.

Identify the causes and results of a trend.

How do you evaluate a trend's importance to what you are studying?

How are trends related to patterns?

How (and when) does a fad become a trend?

TRENDS ARE:

general directions

tendencies

current styles

drifts

influences

changes over time

Related Thinking Skills

- describe
- compare and contrast
- Identify relationships (among trends)
- categorize/classify (trends)
- prioritize (the most important rules)
- determine relevance
- judge with criteria (the importance of a trend)
- prove with evidence (the influence of a trend)

Trends within the Disciplines—A Sample List

Language Arts	Math	Social Studies	Science
historical fiction	application of math principles & procedures	cultural trends	research trends
nonfiction	tools and machines of measurement	trends of different eras	financial support
character types	data collection and representation	voter patterns	environmental trends
spelling & punctuation		exploration	space exploration
word usage		environmental awareness	genome project and its implications
favorite authors and genres		government	health trends

