

7. KWL Chart

K	W	L

The **KWL** Chart (**K** = Know, **W** = Want to Know, and **L** = Learned) is a meta-cognitive organizer that allows the student to assess his/her present status in an area before and after instruction. It also serves as an advance organizer to set the stage for what the student expects or wants to learn. The KWL+ chart has the fourth column to note application or how or when the student will/ might use the information. This adds relevance and application. A sheet of paper is divided into three or four columns with KWL or KWLA at the top. It can be used in problem solving as “what I know, what I need to know, what I have learned, and now what.”