

Sharing in ePEARL

1. The plan for this chapter will be to learn about:
 - How to share an artifact in ePEARL
 - How to promote sharing in your class
 - How to encourage constructive feedback
2. Sharing artifacts will encourage your students to exercise their critical judgment. Also a student can exchange with his peers ways of working and learning and identify areas for improvement.
3. Let's get started! Let's explore Megan's work on "Marie Antoinette (1755-1793)". This was a project for Social Studies. For this project Megan had to prepare a presentation to teach the class about Marie Antoinette. This page is in View Mode. These were her description, goals and strategies. Megan recorded her presentation.
4. Megan shares this artifact to get feedback from her classmates. This feedback may help Megan identify some areas for improvement, as well as learn about the positive aspects of her presentation.
5. Using the Share feature allows a student to perform different sharing functions, such as sharing artifacts with classmates either within a class or across classes.
6. Begin by clicking on the **share** button. Megan selects the class she wants to share with from the drop-down menu. For example, Megan selects "Mr. Springfield's homeroom".
7. Then, Megan chooses if she wants to share the work with the whole class or with one of the students. Megan clicks on the drop-down menu and selects the student: Einat Idan Then she clicks on **share**. The pop-up message appears: "artifact shared"
9. The name of the class with whom the artifact was shared appears on this screen. To return to her artifact, she clicks on the **green "x"**, she can now see the feedback that she received. This page is in view mode. Megan is not able to edit the feedback received.
11. There is another way to access the sharing feature directly from the artifacts index page. On this page you can see three features: **Share**, **My shares** and **Shared with me**. For example Megan decides if she wants to share her entire portfolio or just one or more folders from this drop-down menu. She decides to share the Languages folder.
13. Then, she selects the class with which she wants to share. For example, Mr. Springfield.

14. A student can share her work with classes within the same school or with schools within the same board, district or division. Note: Teachers must first link their class to the appropriate classes in order for sharing to be activated in the students' environment.

15. Finally, Megan selects the name of the student (or the whole class) to share the folder. Then, Megan would choose to share or collaborate with the peer. If she chooses to **share**, she clicks on this word and a pop-up message showing that the folder is shared will appear.

17. If Megan clicks on **my shares** she sees all the work shared with classes, people as well as all the collaborative work with people.

18. If Megan wants to stop sharing some of these elements she clicks on the **red X**. Then, Megan sees a sign showing that the artifact was removed from her portfolio.

20. Reflecting: Here are some tips to promote sharing in your class:

- Pair up students in your class. At times, students can select a classmate to work with or the teacher may make the pairing so that students can work with different people and benefit from diverse learning styles and opinions.
- Create with the whole class a guide for providing feedback.
- Some tips might include:
 - Show respect for your peer's work;
 - Always start with positive feedback
 - Read carefully the work and see if your peer met his goals.
 - Evaluate if the strategies helped your peer accomplish his goals: write how he did or did not reach his goals and make recommendations for improvement.

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Now it's your turn! Open your demo account and practice! You can also print the instructions by clicking on the **print** button.