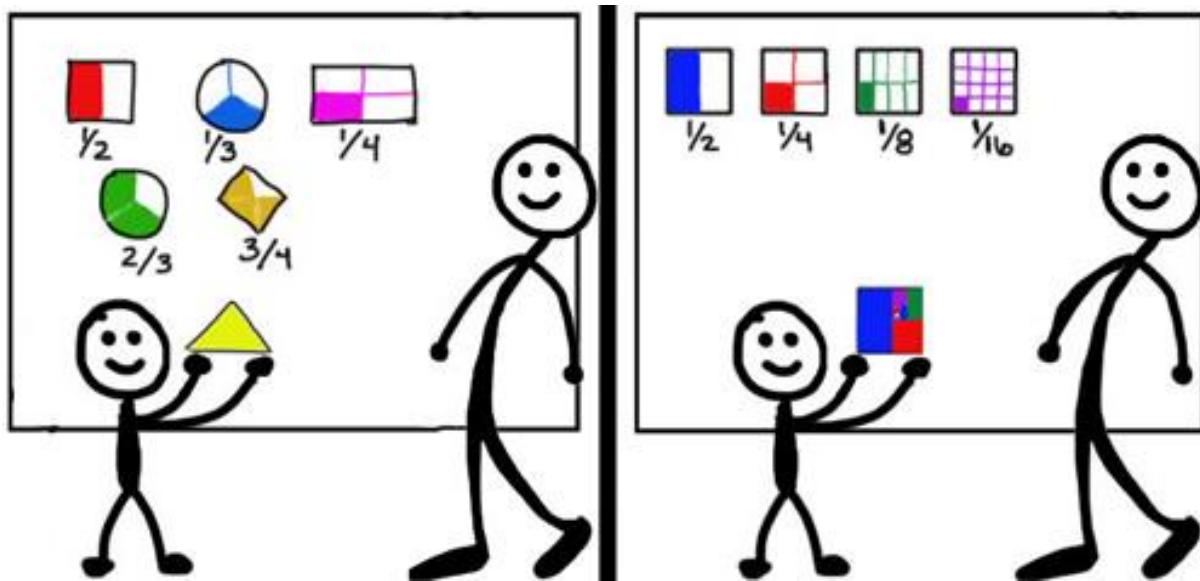


Research Mini - Overview

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A research mini is a side-by-side comparison of two different pedagogical approaches for the same content topic.

For example, look at the two different approaches to the topic of Area Representations of Fractions at <http://researchideas.ca/sidebyside/fractions.html>



The goal is not to show that one approach is better than the other. Often, students benefit from seeing a topic through various approaches and perspectives.

The goal is to showcase a new approach that you have designed that you feel is worth sharing, and to compare it to an approach that educators have likely seen before.

The audience for a research mini are educators. They are busy people who are looking for cool ideas to try out in their classrooms.

Here are some suggestions for designing these side-by-side comparisons:

1. Show them as classroom dialogues, with speech bubbles.
2. Use stick figures to represent generic students / teachers.
3. Give educators enough information to be able to try each approach in their classroom.
4. Be as succinct as possible.

You will find more examples of research minis at <http://researchideas.ca/sidebyside>