

Learning to Develop Effective K-12 Outreach

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So, you want to do K-12 Outreach...



What Does Outreach Mean to You?

- Who is the audience?
- What should you do?
- What is the outcome?

• Kids!

- Hands-on experiments! Cool demos!
- Neat facts! Make it fun!
- They will get excited about _
- They will learn about ____

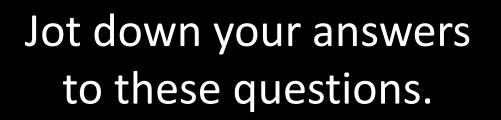
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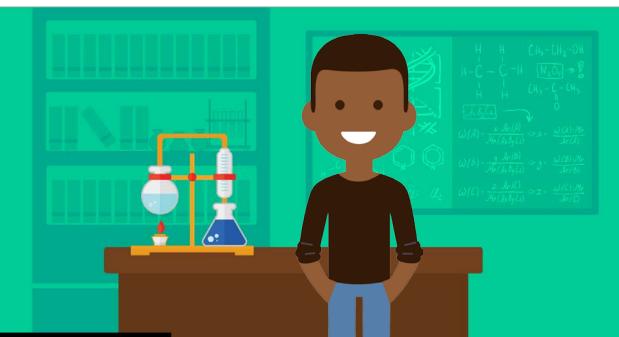
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Learning ... Not a Simple Goal

- How can you tell if someone has learned?
- How long will learning last? How do you know?
- What are the best ways to help kids learn an idea or concept?





Quick Example: Levels of Learning







Speed Lesson: 4th Grade Utah Core



First peoples of Utah: **Utes**

- By 1500, Utes had spread through eastern and central Utah
 - Also parts of CO, WY, and NM
- Two distinct groups of Utes in Utah
 - Northern Utes
 - White Mesa Utes



Northern Utes: Central UT to Western CO

- Lived in small family groups. After they got horses, the groups became larger bands.
- Had leaders, but not what we call "chiefs." Some were spiritual leaders, some helped direct specific activities, and some just offered suggestions.
- Traveled through larger regions hunting, fishing, and gathering plants throughout the seasons.
- Gathered cactus, seeds, and roots to store for winter in buried baskets. Also hunted and dried meat for winter.

- Lived in brush shelters or tipis.
- Wore clothes made from shredded bark or animal hides, used rabbit-fur robes in winter.
- Acquired horses, which let them travel more widely. They could go to the Great Plains to hunt buffalo. Some also became skilled at stealing horses from California and elsewhere.
- Knew the mountains well, used them for refuge.

White Mesa Utes: Four Corners Area

- Were related to Ute groups in Colorado and New Mexico.
- Lived in close association with Paiute bands in the Four Corners area.
- Lived in bands of 1-10 families.
- Migrated through the seasons to harvest plants and animals.
- Spent winters at low elevations and summers at high elevations.
- Hunted deer to use for food, leather, and tools.

- Also hunted desert bighorn sheep, wild turkeys, badgers, beaver, rabbits, fish, and more.
- Lived in tepees made from elk or deer hides in the winter.
- Lived in wikiups in the summer.
- Sometimes grew small gardens near springs.
- Ate plants such as yucca fruit, ricegrass, pinenuts, chokecherries, and wild onions.



Quiz time! Let's Play!

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- 2. Go to: kahoot.it
- 2. Type in the code given by presenter.

We'll do two different quizzes, one at a time

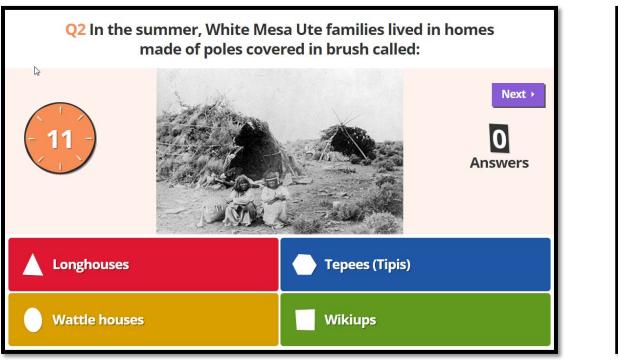
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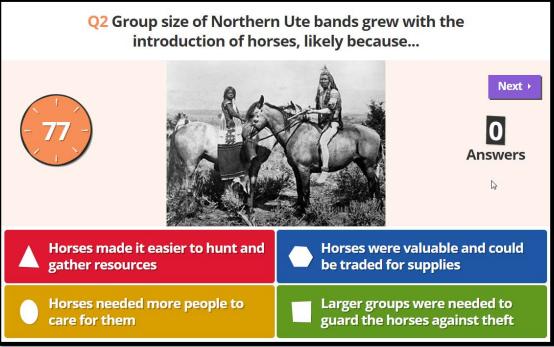
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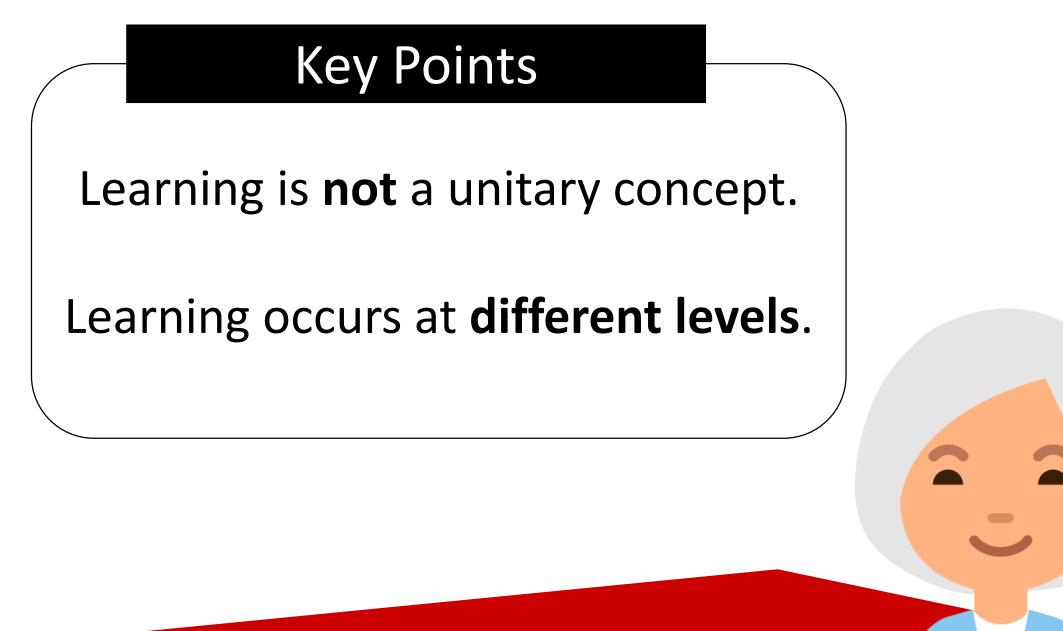
How Did You Decide on Your Answers?

Quiz 1



Quiz 2





Memory vs. Understanding

Kintsch, 1998

Theory of comprehension: Construction-Integration Theory

Surface Level = Exact Representation

Textbase = Key ideas from materials

Situation Model = Deep understanding

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Can recall or reproduce. Understanding isn't necessary.

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Rote Learning ≠ Understanding

Mersidotes and dosidotes

And little lamsey divey

Diddley-divey do

Wouldn't you?

And little lambs eat ivy

Mares eat oats and does eat oats

A kid'll eat ivy too

Wouldn't you?

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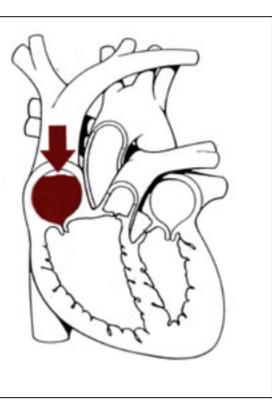
Textbase = Key ideas from materials

- Formed by **encoding** content from learning materials
- Fails to go beyond the learning materials, fades quickly
- Tested by assessments targeting recall or recognition
 - Multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, True/False, etc.
 - Exhibited as **memory** of the learning materials

Situation Model = Deep understanding

Textbase Questions

As the blood flows through the capillaries in the body, carrying its supply of oxygen, it also collects carbon dioxide. The blood that empties into the right atrium is dark colored. It has picked up carbon dioxide from the body cells. It has left most of its oxygen with the cells.



- What does the blood collect as it flows through the capillaries of the body?
- What color is the blood that empties into the right atrium?

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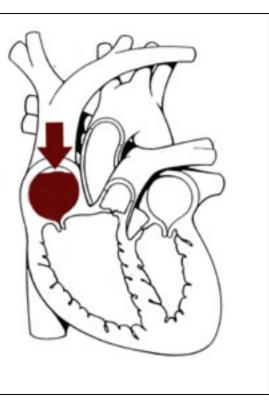
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Situation Model = Deep understanding

- Formed by integration of current & prior knowledge
- Tested by assessments targeting high-level cognition
 - Inference, application, comparison, analysis
 - Exhibited as **understanding** of learning materials
- Flexible, robust, and long-lasting representation = transfer

Situation Model Questions

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- What color would the blood in the right atrium be if, for some reason, it failed to pick up carbon dioxide or to distribute oxygen in the body?
- What might be the difference between blood in the right and left sides of the heart?



Why Deep Learning?

Following a single learning session, how much is retained after 4 days???

Surface Level



Textbase Level



Situation Model



Kintsch et al., 1990

What to Remember about Depth of Learning

Remembering what has been shown/told = shallow, short term learning

Reasoning about information, generating explanations, making **inferences = deep, long term** learning

When to Use Memory (Rote) Questions

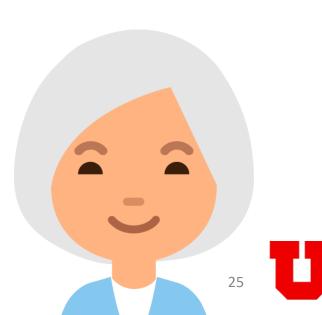
- Ensure learners encode foundational content
- Trigger background knowledge for application
- Throw the kids a few "easy" questions to build up success
- Facilitate long-term retention through spaced recall



Implications for Outreach

Engagement is necessary, but **not** sufficient for learning.

Hands-on activity does **not** ensure deep cognitive processing.



Implications for Outreach

Technology is fun! You can use it to engage students – but depth of learning is determined by you!



Free to create interactive, quiz game activities Fun way to get students excited and active Deep questions ensure depth of learning Device agnostic (iPads, Chrombooks, Laptops)

Create a free account and create quizzes here: https://getkahoot.com/

Learning Processes for Deep Learning

- Analysis
- Application
- Problem Solving
- Making inferences
- Explaining reasoning
- Comparison & Constrast

What activities **require** students to engage in one or more of these deep processes?

Structuring Your Outreach Session

- Who you are, what you do
- Student role in the session
- Set up a key question or goal
- Lead activities for deep learning
- Scaffold and assesss thinking/reasoning
- Help students reflect on learning
- Leave class with extension Qs or activities

The core of your session

Who Are You?

Hi, I'm Brad. I'm a grad student in Chemistry at the University of Utah. I'm here today to teach you about ...

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Who Are You? An Outreach Introduction

- Your name (the way you want them to address you ... ask about norms)
- The exciting thing you study at the University of Utah
 - You're telling a kid, or your grandma!
- Why that exciting thing is important to the world
- What you love about your work

Jot down your answers to these questions.

Share them with your table.

5 minutes

What is Student Role?

- Related to the field
- Authentic, but reasonable for level
 - Research assistant or scientist-in-training
 - Not expert scientist, not famous geologist
- Contextualizes their activities
- Brings meaning to the activity. Not "just another lesson"



How to Prep: 8 Steps to a Great Outreach Session

- 1. Select skill or concept
- 2. Find a real question or goal
- 3. Figure out process
- 4. Customize for audience
- 5. Choose activities & scaffolds
- 6. Monitoring & assessment
- 7. Create a meaningful ending
- 8. Post-session reflection



Step 1: Identify Target Skill, Idea, or Concept

- What is interesting or exciting in your field?
- What can be investigated or demonstrated with little time or equipment?
- What are core skills or concepts for that grade level?

If you already have a specific topic or goal, think about how it translates to your specific audience. You may need to simplify and make more concrete.



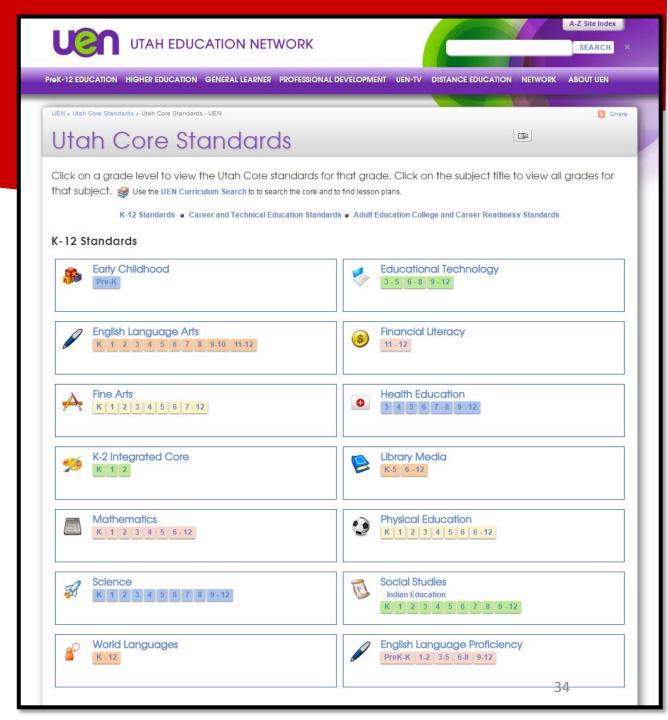
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Grade Level Standards

Explore standards for target grade in your area. Connect to your skills and knowledge.

http://www.uen.org/core/

K-12 teachers can more easily give you time if you are helping them meet a standard in their classrooms.



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Select a grade level. Explore standards relevant to your area and jot down a possible topic related to your work. (Likely more specific than the standard ... that's OK!).

You may want to target skills that are prerequisite to knowledge (e.g., making observations)

Step 2: Find a REAL Question or Goal

- Now that you have a topic, how will you engage students?
- Students need a guiding question or goal
- Works best if it is a **real question** that someone in your area actually would address



Step 3: Figure out the Process / Reasoning

- How would YOU answer that question?
- Think out loud for someone not in your field
- Break down your thinking into concrete steps
- At every step, ask yourself: **How do I know that?**



The Expert Blind Spot

What do you mean, how do I know? It's obvious. There's no way they can miss it.

Hint: Examine your work flow. How do you collect data? How do you document findings? How do you decide between ideas? Begin to flesh out your outreach session:

1. What is a real question or goal relevant to your target concept or skill? (Make it concrete.)

2. How would you figure out the answer to that question or solve the problem?

3. Write down the process you would use (adjust to your target grade)?

Modeling Your **Thinking** for Students

- Demonstrate how you figured out the answer.
- Break it down. Be simple and straightforward. Connect to their ideas.
- Think about what student is likely to know to get started
- Invite students to compare their thinking to yours

Modeling your thinking focuses students on the **process of learning**, not just getting the right answer



Practice Modeling Your Thinking

1. Find another workshop attendee who is not in your area of specialization.

2. Tell them your question/goal.

Model how to answer one aspect of that question (make it simple). This may be how to analyze a piece of evidence, to solve a problem related to the question, etc. (Partner: Be a helpful critic.)

15 minutes

Step 4: Customizing for your Audience

- When you model your thinking, what are things that you "just know"?
- That tells you what **background knowledge** is needed for your topic.
- Is there **specialized vocabulary**? Can you say it another way or do you need to teach those words?



Speak Their Language

- Elementary
 - Can you talk about the topic without using big words?
- Middle and High School
 - Gauge familiarity with vocab. "Remind" students what it means.
- Start with the question and its importance. Introduce vocab if required.
- If learning new vocab, do a quick recall several times during lesson ("What's that called again?")



The Role of Background Knowledge

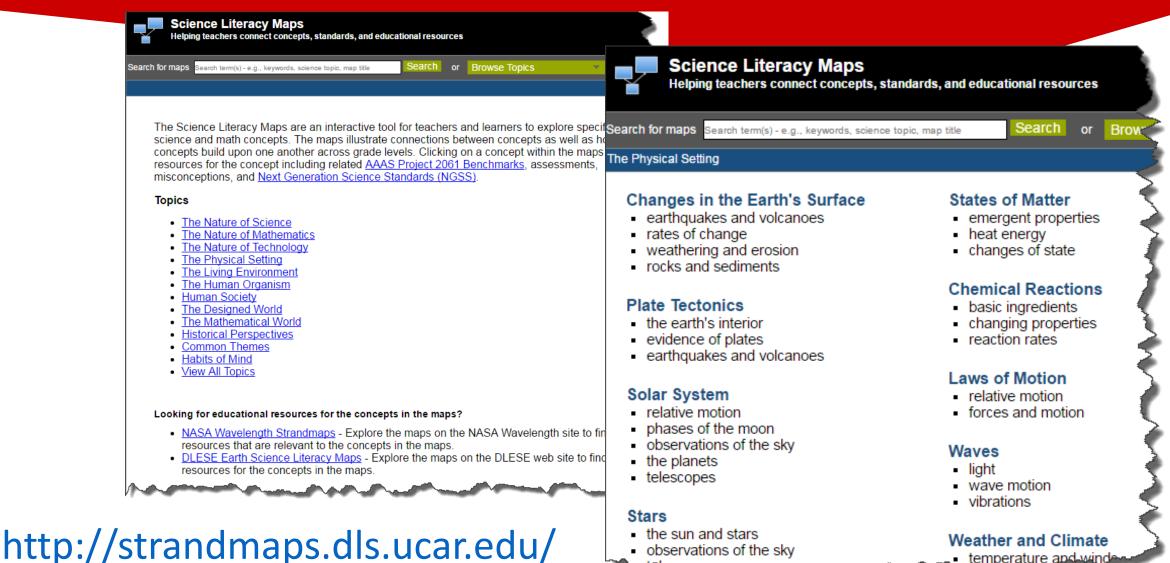
Expert Knowledge

- Highly structured
- New concepts readily integrated
- Connections between relevant concepts easily activated
- Inferences generated easily
- Importance of information easy to understand

Novice Learner

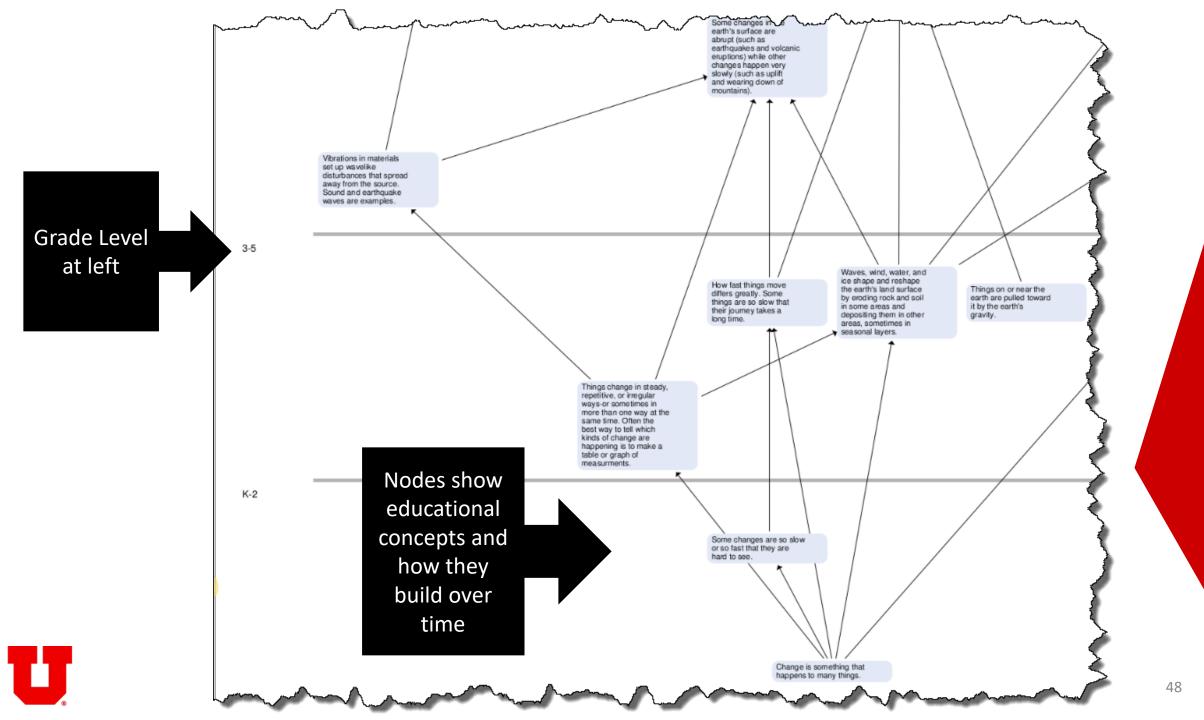
- Lacks foundational ideas
- Little if any structured organization
- Relevant prior knowledge must be specifically activated
- Connections need to be made between relevant concepts
- Inferences difficult to make
- Importance hard to see

Science Topic? Check out Literacy Maps



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temperature and winds



Communicating with Kids

- **Smile**! Use gestures. Be animated.
- Show your **excitement and enthusiasm**
- Emphasize the **process**
- Praise specific *effort (not results)*
 - Sustains activity & reduces frustration
 - "Good work on looking for new evidence."
 - "I like that I can hear you thinking through your ideas! That's great!"



Step 5: Choose Activities & Scaffolding

- How long do you have? Account for:
 - Setup time
 - Instructions
 - Clean up time
 - Recess times? They might need this!!

• What materials/equipment?

- Hands-on materials?
- Technology?
- Safety equipment?
- How will you **scaffold thinking** during the activity?!



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Scaffolding for Facilitator Demos

- Be sure have set up a **key question**
- Ensure that student make **concrete predictions**
- Have students **compare their predictions to results**
- **Demonstrate failure**. Have students explain why it works vs. doesn't work.

Interactive is best. But demos are OK when there is danger, materials are very expensive, or artifacts are very fragile



Are there creative ways to get around fragile or expensive objects?





3D Prints and 3D virtual models of paleontology objects from Natural History Museum of Utah.

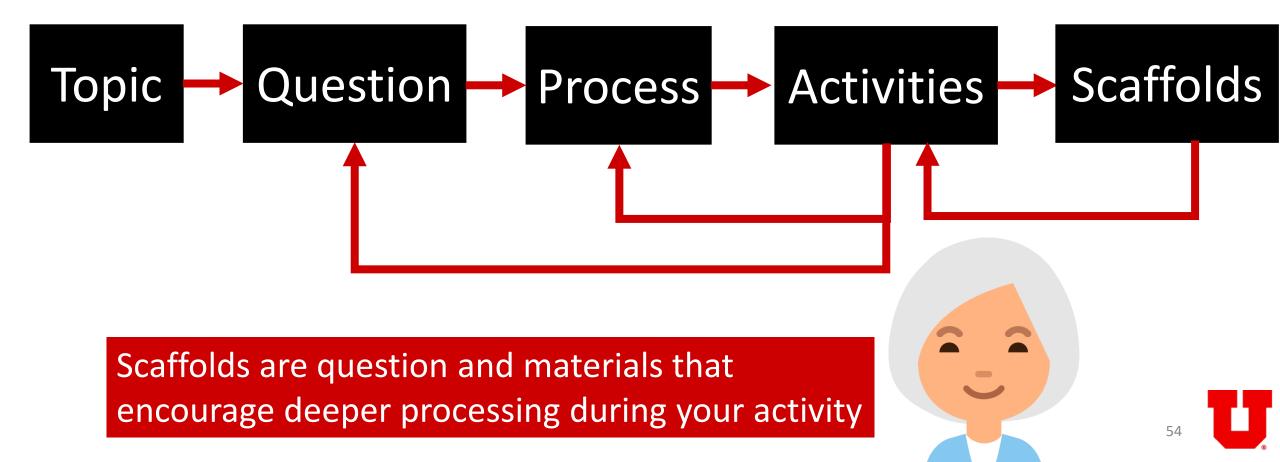
Brainstorming Activities

- Concrete, hands-on inquiry is best
- Little prep. Or prep can be done before arrival.
- How can you mimic **real processes** in your field?
 - Think about materials you use
 - Think about goals you set
 - Think about your favorite tasks

If you use models for abstract ideas (e.g., Legos to show molecular changes), discuss how the model does and does not represent reality

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Revising and Refining Your Session

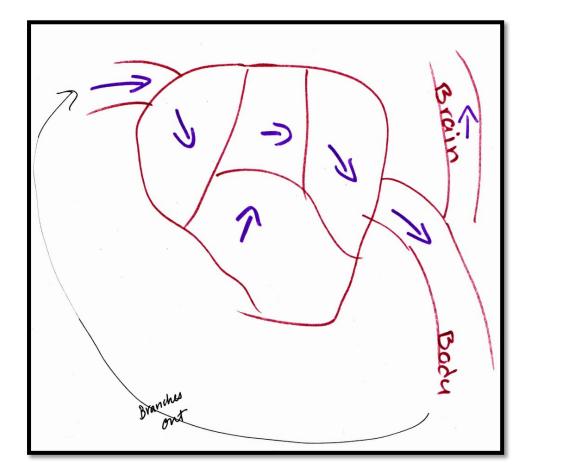


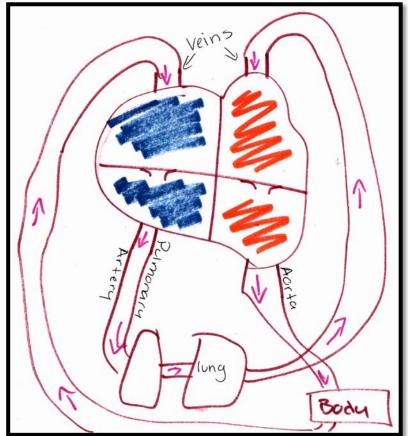
Meaningful Generation during Learning

- Help students **organize and document** ideas and findings
- Try to limit writing (they won't do as much as you'd like) but maximize thinking
- Confusion often precipitates learning.
 Model it. Welcome it. Full success = shallow thinking.

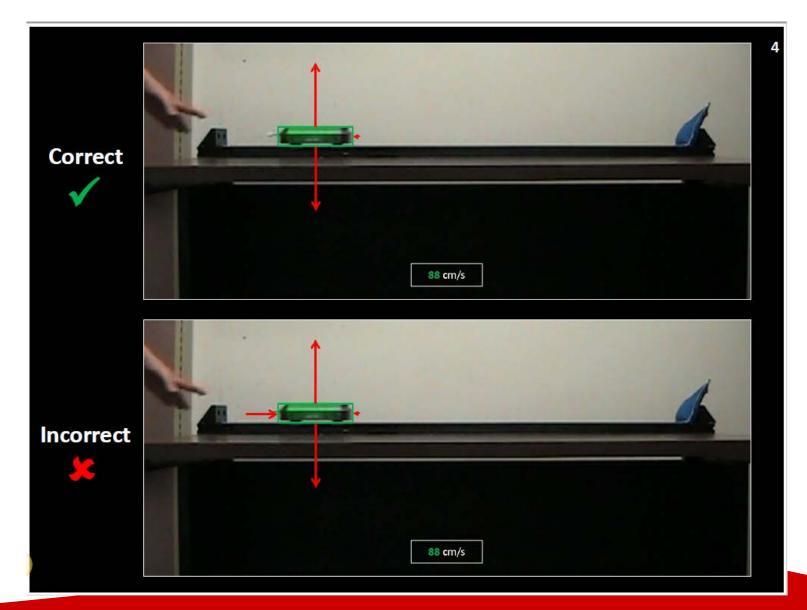
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Drawing and Explaining Models





Explaining Examples and NonExamples



Scaffolding Deep Thinking

Deep Question Stems

- What would happen if ?
- Why does ...? What makes ... ?
- What is the difference between ... ?
- Why would you expect ... ?
- How can ... ? How do you know ...?
- Why is _____ an example of ... ?
- Why is _____ not an example of ...?

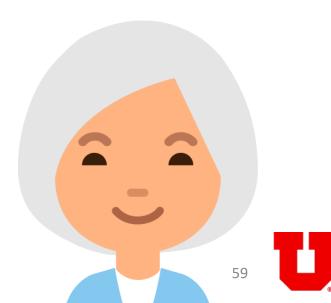
These work only if you didn't already talk about the answers!



Scaffolding Deep Thinking

Process Prompts

- What are you thinking?
- Tell me about what you are finding.
- I'd like to hear your ideas. How did you come up with them?
- How did you figure that out?
- What other ideas did you consider? What made you reject them?



Outline Your Activities and Scaffolds

Brownies Activity: Friday, 3/24

- Random draw endangered animal groups as enter (5 min)
 - Black Footed Ferret
 - o Red Wolf
 - Przewalski's Horse
- Welcome & introduction (5 min)
- Activity 1: Efficient Web Search and Fair Use Images (25 min)
 - o Example endangered animal: Karner Blue Butterfly
 - o Google Image Search (10 min)
 - What are usage rights? Why should we respect them?
 - How to refine by usage rights
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 - Why is it endangered?
 - What zoos are trying to save it?
 - How can people help?
- Activity 2: Find your animal in U.S. Zoos Find closest place to visit (15 min)
 - Google Maps
 - Enter Uraddress



Finding Hands-On Activities

1. Brainstorm activities with concrete and/or handson materials

2. Choose your best idea for an activity

3. What materials and questions will you use to encourage deeper thinking and learning?

10 minutes

Step 6. Monitoring and Assessment



Look and Listen: Engagement and Depth?!

Listening for Deep Processes

Reasoning & Confusion

- I'm not sure. I was thinking that it could be ...
- It's _____ because
- I wonder what would happen if ...
- I think _____ since ____...
- But how could we tell if that's right?

Rote Actions, Lack of Processing

- The answer is _____. I just know.
- I don't know why. Just do what she says.
- What's it say to do next?
- What's the right answer?
- [Silence]



Who is Doing More Talking? (Hopefully the kids!)

Bring Students Together for Reflection

- Whole class reflection ensures group progress
 - Not all students/groups may be getting same thing out of session
- Every 10-15 minutes often is good balance between inquiry and reflection
 - 10 for elementary
 - 15 for middle/high school

Return to Deep Questions

- What would happen if ?
- Why does ...? What makes ... ?
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Step 7: Create a Meaningful Ending

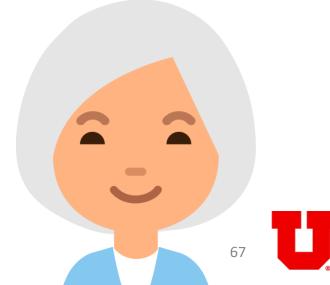
- What was important?
- What is the takeaway message? (Ask them first. Help them generate it.)
- How did their activities relate to the field? (As them first. Then compare to professional activities.)



Step 7: Create a Meaningful Ending

- What are **follow-up questions** that they could explore?
 - If you have time, helps to guide them to discover follow-up questions
- What is a **follow-up activity** they could try?
- How can they **find out more about this topic**?

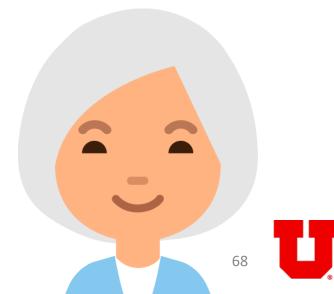
Feel free to create a handout or list of websites for the teacher



Step 8: Post-Session Reflection & Changes

- What went well?
- What seemed problematic?
- Where did students fidget or go off-task?
- Did students know what you were asking?

Make notes immediately after your session! You will forget!



Step 8: Post-Session Reflection & Changes

• Off-task behaviors?

- Students not engaged?
- Students unsure what to do?
- Single question or goal?

• Time issues? Flow?

- What slowed down the students?
- Fidgeting? Lack of depth? Balance between instruction and student work? Students need time to dig in.
- **Practice questions with non-domain peers**. Do they know what you are asking?

Practice makes perfect. Don't get discouraged!



Feeling Overwhelmed? Totally normal!

- Doesn't need to be perfect to be useful.
- **Processes** are as valuable as outcomes
- You will feel exhausted after a session that's normal!
- Kids love doing something different with someone new



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- Google Maps
 - Enter U address
 - Directions to zoo address
 - Save map link
- Activity 3: Graphic Design (Infographic) Piktochart.com (25 min)
 - o What makes a poster look good? What catches your eye?
 - Discuss example and nonexamples of good design.
 - Interactive guidance on Picktochart
 - Background (contrast with text)
 - Adding images
 - Adding text
 - o Challenge: Create infographic on your endangered animal

Activity 4: Share your design (Program Tweet via @IDETProgram) (10 min)

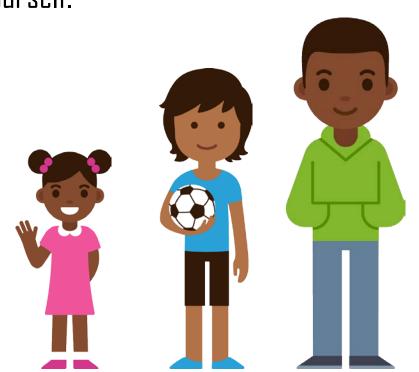
- What is Twitter?
- Internet safety
- See results of our live Tweeting



Practical Tips

- Take your planned activities, *cut them in half*
- Do the activities *as if you were a student*. Time yourself.
 - Multiply by 4 for elementary school
 - Multiply by 3 for middle and high school
- Assign target times to each activity
 - Have an "emergency jettison" plan
- Quick finishers? Helpers!
- Expect the unexpected
 - Fire drills!
 - Terrorized by a bee!





Documenting Your Outreach: Pictures!

- At the U? Media release form
- Many schools have signed media release from parents. Ask in advance.











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