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How can we plan and implement the most powerful units and lessons that engage, support, challenge, and inspire our students to think, know and do in new more expert and transformational ways?



Learning Targets:

Educators will...

• Explore the power of EMPOWER as a mental model for planning, implementing and reflecting on transformational instruction.

Brainstorm ways to implement what you are learning in your classroom.











Most teachers struggle with planning the kinds of engaging curriculum & instruction that leads to expertise.



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Two essential ingredients for expertise





EMPOWER is a *mental model* that captures exactly how experts in all fields **apprentice** learners into expertise.





As teachers, our job is to **make public those** secret, invisible things that experts do... and help students to make these same moves.

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pedagogical content knowledge Is the integration of what you know about teaching and what you know about doing your subject; a.k.a. *expertise*

in teaching. In other words, knowing HOW to teach learners HOW to engage in more expert practices.















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MAP the path t big picture planning lays the foundation for... PRIME learners ORIENT the learning WALKTHROUCH EXTEND REFLEC a sequence of learning events 33



















CRYSTAL LAKE, Ill. — In Alabama, a school <u>removed the doors</u> <u>from bathroom stalls</u> to stop students from sneaking inside to vape. In Colorado, a school decided to <u>forfeit a volleyball game</u> after finding "widespread vaping" and other infractions by the team. And in Pennsylvania, at a school where administrators have tried installing sensors to detect vaping in bathrooms and locker rooms, students caught with vape devices face a \$50 fine and a three-day suspension.



EMPOWER • Principle

ENVISION: Your goal is what students can do *independently* (that is new and transformational – threshold knowledge!) by the close of the unit.



Envision the destination

Setting a goal, deciding on a culminating task, identifying quality standards, and an "angle"

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core concepts and processes that transform perception and participation in a subject

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Transformative Troublesome Integrative Irreversible Bounded Discursive

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Understanding Understanding

Understanding means that one engages, knows, can do/apply, reflect and think about the relationships between a concept, set of connections, and processes of enacting knowledge

High road transfer vs. low road



Understanding Understanding

Understanding means that one has sufficient grasp of concepts, principles and processes AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP so that one can adapt them and bring them to bear on new problems in new situations



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- Insightful / reasoned
- Coherently structured
- Actionable (solution)





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Make an evidencebased argument about the dangers of vaping. Students are vaping in school. As a copywriter for a leading marketing agency, our class has become a PR firm hired to build a compelling campaign that influences teens to reconsider their choice to vape. (Mantle of the expert drama)

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teacherdesigned outcome

studentfacing task

convince storyteller client/customer You have been asked to... discussion/debate presentation analyze historian fellow students The context/ challenge is.. inform politician expert panel article/essay explain engineer community podcast The issue you must address is... scientist an official design webpage The problem is.. test artist pen pal speech You have an opportunity to.. CEO reader story

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Guiding Questions: What are the causes and consequences of teen vaping?

teacher-designed outcome translated

into student-facing task

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What could this school (and society) do about it?

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What questions do YOU have about this topic?

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"PRIMING" the pump

- To connect learners personally to the inquiry
- To activate prior interest and knowledge – and then build on it
- To set a purpose and problem-orientation
- To create a template for gauging progress

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Frontloading with an Opinionnaire Evaluate from Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree

- Kids who vape in school should be disciplined, if not suspended.
- Vaping is a responsible way to curb a smoking addiction.
- An addiction (to nicotine) is something outside of a student's control.
- > Vaping companies should be able to produce whatever kinds of flavors they want, even if they seem enticingly "kid-friendly" (e.g. Cocoa Puffs).

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"YOUR RANKING IS YOUR CLAIM."

But claims only hold weight when supported by safe evidence and reasoning

- WHAT MAKES YOU SAY SO? What evidence do you have from the text from your life experience?
- SO WHAT? What rule are you placing on the data so it fits your claim about what is necessary to a good relationship?

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- K-W-L
- Brainstorming and Webbing
- Analogy Organizers
- Autobiographical Writing
- Rankings • Drama/Role Playing
- Character Quotes
- Floorstorming/Video Clips infer topic
- Mad Libs









ORIENT: No one moves into the "fog" without a clear vision of where they're going, how they'll get there, and what makes the trip worth it.



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- Admin/PD: What is an effective EQ? What is the most effective teaching and how can we implement it?
- *Macbeth:* How far are you willing to go to get what you want?
- **Pre-Algebra**: What determines who wins? **Civics:** What makes a law useful and fair?

Essential Question for Romeo and Juliet

• What makes and breaks a relationship? For other units:

What Makes a Good Parent?

What are my civil rights and how can I best protect them? What makes a good home? What makes a good friend? What can we do to protect the environment? Do We Find or Create Our True Selves?
What Rights and Responsibilities Should Teens Have? How Can We Balance Everyone's Rights? What Makes a Hero? What Influences a Person's Choices?

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Ways to generate Essential Questions – with learners! TRY ONE or TWO or

- Qualitative/Comparative. What are the most influential inventions/ movies/works of art?
- movies/works of art?

 Analogies, How are cells and their operations like modern cities/cell phone networks/the water cycle?
- Impacts. How do/might genetically modified organisms affect the safety of our food supply?
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- Applications. How should we use our knowledge of energy exchange to create more environmentally sustainable schools, homes and policies?
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 Improvement questions. How can we improve our school lunches to make then
- Improvement questions. How can we improve our school lunches to make them healthier?

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Identifying Culminating Projects The world is filled with testing situations . . . • What is a real world test/application for the developed knowledge? • In school? • In the community? • Service learning and social action possibilities? • Personal growth?

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MILESTONES ON THE PATH TO MASTERY

Level 1. Read memes, ads, cartoons, news articles on vaping. **Level 2.** Learn and practice the **topic-comment strategy** for finding and supporting main ideas in these short texts.

Level 3. Summarize the article and its main idea for a peer.

Level 4. Identify what makes credible evidence.

Level 5. Collect justified evidence about causes, effects and solutions to vaping.

Level 6. Identify patterns of evidence and apply reasoning (general rules of human behavior) to explain and extrapolate from them AND SO ON, leading up to...

DESTINATION: Create fully articulated problem-solution

arguments about vaping that can be used to produce mind and behavior changing PR/PSA programs

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Student Teacher: MILESTONES ON THE PATH TO MASTERY

 $\mbox{Level 1.}$ Analyze vaping ads (noticing persuasive moves) and contrast persuasion vs. argument in visual text/comics.

Level 2. Research, collect (surveys/interviews), and weigh evidence for arguments. Level 3. Apply reasoning to evidence to generate claims.

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Level 4. Craft multiple micro-arguments that can be "stacked" on each other to support more complex claims.

Level 5. Anticipating and responding to counterclaims.

And so on, leading up to...

💥 THE DESTINATION

Create (1) a compelling anti-teen vaping marketing campaign and (2) a well-sourced and cited position paper sharing the reasoning and evidence behind the campaign.

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Ways to Walkthrough: Making expert strategies visible and available to learners, and giving learners ways to practice them • Think alouds • Visual strategies that help to see, analyze and represent data • Drama/Action strategies • Student generated questioning

- techniques
- Discussion structures
 Collaborative structures: Reciprocal reading, Literature Circle Roles, Conferencing
- Any prompt, stem, protocol or scaffold that helps learners to do what they cannot yet do alone



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Make a list of all the details you notice and their positioning. What rules of notice helped? Direct statements, Calls to attentions, Ruptures, Reader resonse

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What is the explicit message?

What is the implicit message?

How do you know, based on key details and their arrangement?

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Examples of Meaningful Making

Writing

Arguments: of Extended Definition, Policy, Judgment Exposition/Process Analyses In-role writing Classifications Informational brochures Letters to the editor Story extensions Children's books

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Multimedia Social Action Projects

Dramas/Forum Dramas Websites/PSAs, Surveys Podcasts Social Media campaigns Museum exhibits Video documentaries Raps/ Social Critiques and Performances Service learning projects

GOAL	REAL-WORLD ROLE	AUDIENCE	STORY/ SITUATION	PRODU PERFORM
convince	storyteller	client/customer	asked to	discussion/d
analyze	historian	fellow students		presentat
inform	politician	expert panel	The context/ challenge is	article/es
explain	engineer	community	The issue you must	podcas
design	scientist	an official	address is	webpag
test	artist	pen pal	The problem is	speech
	CEO	reader	You have an opportunity to	story

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"...breadth of training predicts breadth of transfer.

That is, the more contexts in which something is learned, the more the learner creates abstract mental models, and the less they rely on any particular example."

- DAVID EPSTEIN in RANGE



EMPOWER 7 Principle

REFLECT ON THE JOURNEY: When you can name it, then you can tame it.

Reflect on the journey

Promote thinking about the thinking, selfregulation, high-road transfer, and self-efficacy.

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Your turn to Reflect an Action and Transfer	d Rehearse for Future
Name a principle and/or a practice that you can use immediately in your teaching	 Action plan: what is your commitment to trying it out? Every journey starts with the first step and continues with the next one – take the first step!
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Conclusion, playing the old preacher

- Learning should be hard fun
- Teaching should be responsive and relational
- Learning should be meaningful and substantive and mirror what experts do
- Teaching should be apprenticing students into doing what we, as experts, do.

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