Teaching in the Information Age?



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How to keep teaching relevant when information is freely available?

A conscious **shift away** from Information transfer

Emphasis on using contact hours for **problem-solving and Q&A** that cannot be replaced by online resources

How about fundamental information required by the discipline?

Use the **flipped** approach (students present in groups)



Essential Information

Pedagogical Design:

 Seminal articles/chapters are assigned to groups of students who present the key points in response to a pre-shared problematic.

Example:

- The presentation is followed by Q&A, after which each group grades the presenting group with a rationale. The final score is an average of all scores received and that awarded by the instructor.

Tip

Well designed group presentations **engage** students in thinking about the topic.

It also provides an opportunity to **highlight** key aspects that must be borne in mind.

Approach

Social Constructivist theory - Learning occurs when students are involved in collaborative problem-solving

→ Problem

State what you wish to teach in the form of a problem

→ Discussion

Give students a few minutes to discuss, incentivize discussion

→ Feedback

Draw students into professional discourse by nudging/scaffolding

Repetition, Illustration and Communication

Do not assume or demand disciplinary/ Linguistic proficiency



Declare the topic and where things are going at the outset with a **question**.

Summarize what was done at the end and begin the next session by asking for a **recall**.

Simulation

Non-decontextualized objects make a better impact

→ Simulate real-life scenarios

Involve students in **collaborative** projects

→ Field trips

Show them how a **professional** in the field works.

Increasing participation through CSCL

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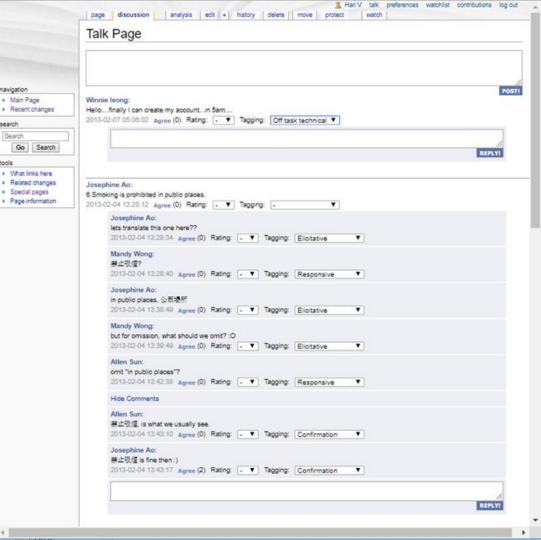
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Asynchronous modes of collaboration well suited to **our** students.





Tip

When you see a student distracted or zoning out, tell the class a joke, ask the student for his/her opinion on a matter you are discussing or suggest googling something.

Do you really care?

- many students grow up skeptical, disillusioned and unable to handle the pressure of competing demands.
- an instructor genuinely interested in his/her subject, accessible and willing to respond (not react) wins trust.
- shaming, calling out, castigating etc do not work!

Engaging Students

- Sustaining attention to words is increasingly difficult
- Reading contents of a PowerPoint presentation does not help
- Adopt Q&A, discussions, collaboration and peer-review
- Popular tools used by students include Google Docs. Use Google Forms for screening/follow-up



Transparency

Clearly articulate ILOs. This helps students prepare and know what to expect.

Share teaching philosophy, expectations, rubric of evaluation

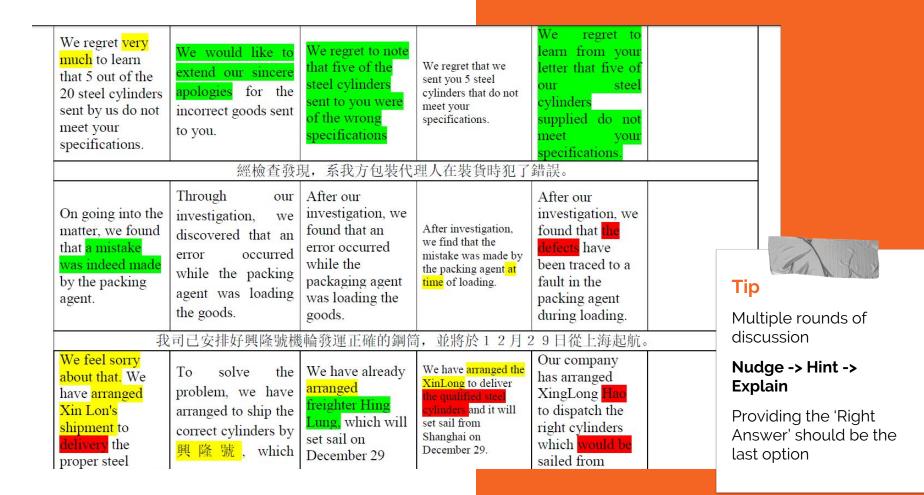
→ Share records

Show students where they stand and what they can do better.

→ Feedback

Discuss each exam/test in detail, providing feedback on what was good and what could be improved.

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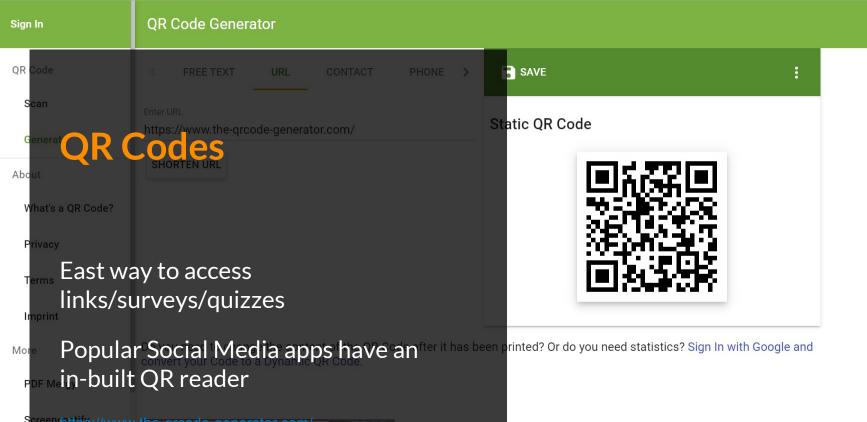
Some useful tools



Please adapt according to discipline

One size does not fit all

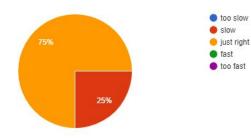
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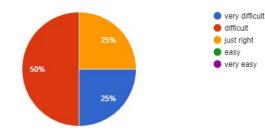
How do you find the pace of this course

4 responses



How difficult is this course for you so far

4 responses



Google Forms

Quizzes / Surveys / Screening

https://www.google.com/forms/about/



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Google Docs

Class Work

https://docs.google.com/

Tip Many students who would not like to stand out, may post

comments/answers

anonymously

Summary

→ Care

Genuine interest and concern are infectious

→ Context

Where and how would I use this?

→ Collaboration

Knowledge is not transferred. But it can be constructed in the process of problem-solving.

Pedagogy 101



What do you think are 3 essential elements of teaching?



