Teaching & Leading for Student Achievement





Welcome



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FCI "At a glance"





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See It: Cognition in Action



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XCN

NPH

DLO

LGM

TFA

QV



Reflection

• **Jot and Count:** How many did you remember?

Hold that number...



See It: Cognition in Action

X

CNN

PHD

L O L

GMT

FAQ

V



Reflection

How many did you remember this time?



See It: Cognition in Action

XCN

NPH

6-7 Letters

TFA

QV

X

CNN

PHD

6-7 Lines — or ~15 Letters

O M I

FAQ

V





XCN

NPH

17 (Letters)

TFA

QV

X

CNN

(MEANINGFUL OBJECTS)

FAQ

V

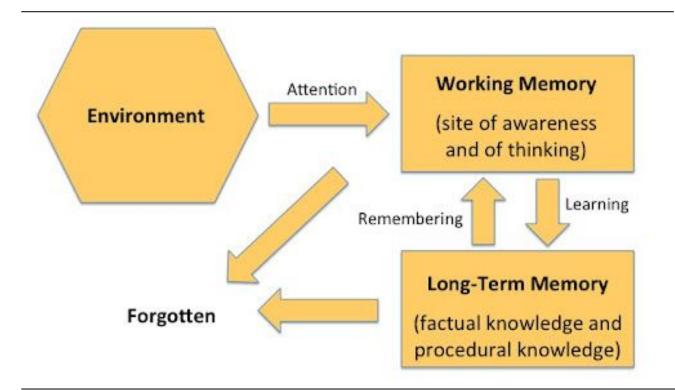


Reflection

How might this activity connect to teaching and learning?



Research-Backed Practice





Our working memories are limited – and so are our students'.

Having knowledge in long term memory can help overcome these limitations.

See It - Apply it to Teaching

Reflect:

- What teaching practices make Nicole effective?
- Where do we see Nicole supporting working memory or leveraging other takeaways from the science of learning in this example?



See It - Context

Story Problem: Serena has 12 younger cousins, and she wants to send all of them on a boat ride at the lake. One boat holds 3 people, and costs \$7. How much money will Serena need to spend?

<u>STEP 1</u>: 3 \((12) = 4 boats needed \(\)

STEP 2: 4 x 7 = Serena will need to spend



Uncommon Impact

Nicole Willey

Leadership Prep Ocean Hill ES Grade 3 Math

Show Call Clip 2348 "Which one is right?"

See It - Reflection

- What teaching practices make Nicole effective?
- Where do we see elements of science of learning in Nicole's example?



Name It - Ensures Students are Engaged

Leads with an "Everybody Writes"

- Instead of taking hands, instructs all students to write first
- All students process and grapple with content
- Opportunity to gauge initial understanding

Leverages a "Turn and Talk"

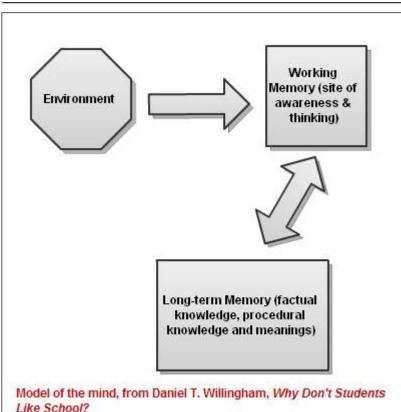
- All students participate
- May clear up some initial misconceptions
- Yet another chance to check for understanding

Students discuss based on a "Show Call"

- Actual student work for students to see/evaluate/discuss
- Comparative show call to make the error pop
- Stand alone to elevate exemplary work



Research-Backed Practice



- Focus Attention, Break Down Complex Tasks: the unknown for the first step
- Visual Anchor: post the student work so students don't have to remember the problem and/or oral responses related to the problem
- Note Taking: "If you need to, fix your number sentence..."
- **Evidence of Routine:** No mental space on mechanics of the T&T, comfort with the question: "What prompt would you give..."



is to develop capable teachers with a laser focus on student learning.

Our job as instructional coaches

A Framework for Coaching



Observe Instruction





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Analyze
Student Work







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Analysis Meeting







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Monitor Learning Live











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Today's deep dive!

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Monica's coaching prework: see the state of student learning and teacher development









Monitor the Learning Deep Dive #1: Student Work Analysis



See It: Student Work Analysis, pt. 1

As you watch Monica's coaching meeting consider:

- What does Monica say and do to guide this discussion on student learning?
- 2. What makes this an effective approach to coaching?









In the Office. Unpack Standard and Name Exemplar Clip 2b

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Open and Frame:

"One of the areas we decided to focus on was..."

Build the Exemplar: Establish the vision for student learning

- "Let's take a look at the standard to see what our students need to master"
- "As we go back to the prompt and zoom in, what would be the exemplary response?"
- "Is there anything else you would have wanted to see on paper?"

Push for Precision:

- "Tell me more about ..."
- "What would you have wanted them to annotate?"
- "If you want them to___, how would you want them to do that?"
- "What else would you have wanted them to underline?"
- "What do we not want them to do?"



See It: Student Work Analysis, pt. 2

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In the Office. Find the Gap Clip 3d

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Name It: Student Work Analysis, pt. 2

Analyze a Representative Sample of Student Work

- "What are the responses you're seeing?"
- "What is the highest priority learning gap to close for our students?"

Name the Reteach

- "When would a reteach work?"
- "What kind of modeling would be best to help students?"

Plan Before Practice

• "Let's take 4 minutes to script our [think aloud]. I'll do it as well so we can compare."

Perfect the Plan

- Workshop the script and compare
- Share leader model to push teacher thinking



By guiding practice of the student work analysis cycle, coaches help teachers build the habit that catapults student learning.



"Monitor the Learning" Coaching Arc

Observe Instruction

Analyze
Student Work

Analysis Meeting

Monitor Learning Live

Follow-Up Coaching













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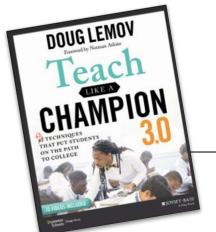


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Feedback from Tops Educators

Love the video models and examples. Wish I would have had this as a first year teacher!

Lead Teacher

I learned new interesting strategies to implement, which I'm very excited to start in my classroom!

- Department Chair

The energy was palpable and the time FLEW by - thank you for a great workshop!

- Elementary Teacher

Leadership Offerings

- Monitor the Learning: instructional coaching to drive student outcomes
- 3 day Professional Learning Workshop, hosted in Miami
- HEAVILY SUBSIDIZED, thanks to generous state funding.

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MIAMI:





Last Year's Feedback from Standout Leaders

This has been the most thorough, organized, and engaging PD I have attended. Thank you for creating this magic!

-Assistant Principal

I have so many takeaways. I think this is the missing piece to our instructional coaching.

-Instructional Coach

This has been one of the best PD sessions I have been a part of -THANK YOU!

-School Leader

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USING DATA IN BEGINNING OF YEAR OBSERVATIONS

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LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR INSTRUCTIONAL COACHING

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