

Anticipation Guide

Directions: Agree, Disagree, or Edit each statement.

- 1. Deep learning in students is fostered by aligning teaching styles with learning styles.
- 2. Technology allows teachers to teach more powerfully, more efficiently, and with less effort.
- 3. Assessments should be designed to determine what students know and do not know.

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Why focus on deep and flexible learning?

Deep/Flexible Learning High-Impact Practices

• First-Year Experiences
• Learning Communities
• Writing-Intensive Courses
• Undergraduate Research
• ePortfolios
• Service Learning
• Capstone Courses

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Deep and Flexible Learning

in three acts







model the learning

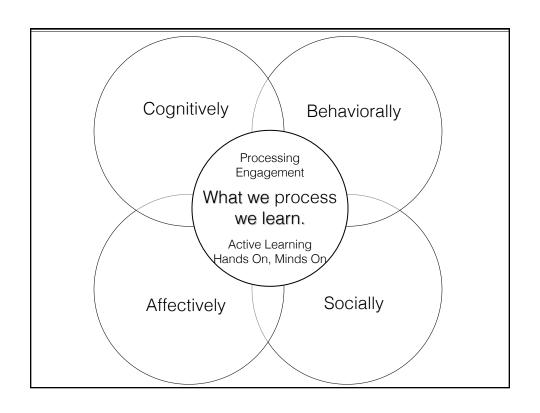
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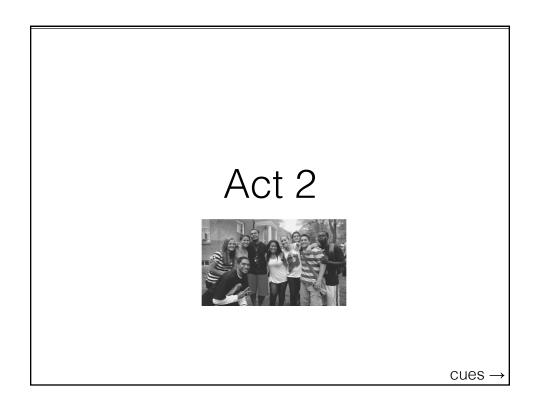


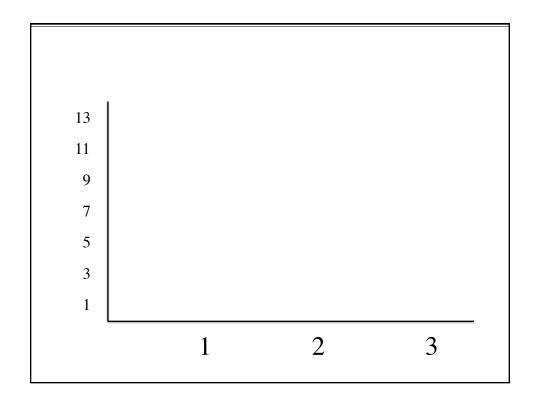
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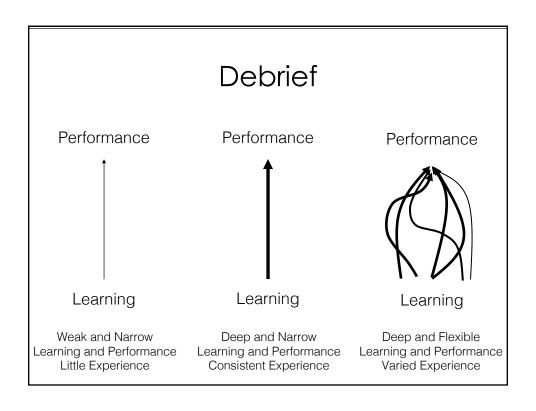
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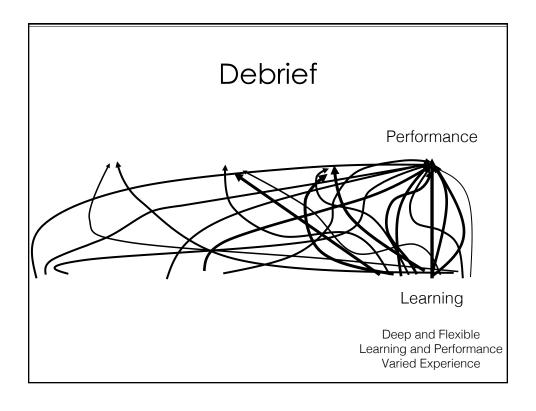
- 1. Meaning is constructed during experience.
- 2. Knowledge/meaning construction result from processing.
- 3. Knowledge is organized.
- 4. When specifics are lost, meaning remains.
- 5. Strategies are used to function more effectively.
- 6. We can assess the effectiveness of our thinking.

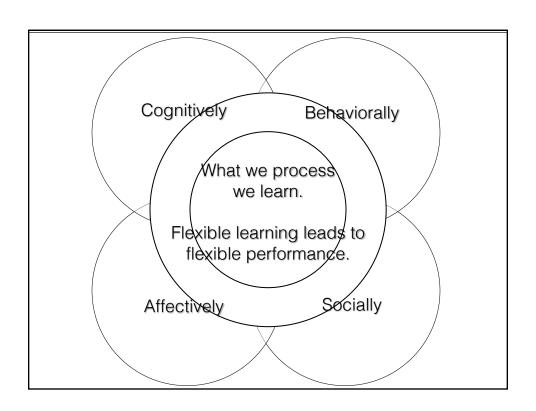












Act 3



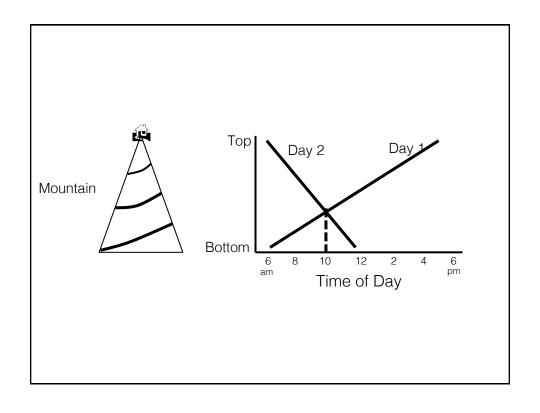
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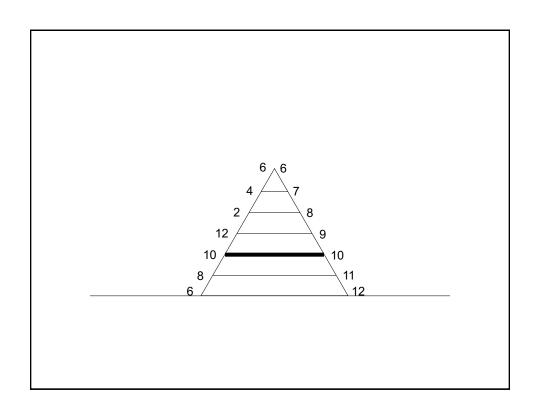
A Problem

A hiker is looking for a one-night get-away and decides to climb the path to McAfee's Knob, spend the night at the top, and then to traverse back down the path the next day.

The narrow path spirals around and around the mountain (the only path to the top). The hiker begins walking up the mountain at sunrise and walks all day, reaching the top at about sunset. The hiker spends the night at the top. At sunrise the next morning, the hiker begins walking down the mountain, arriving at the bottom around noon.

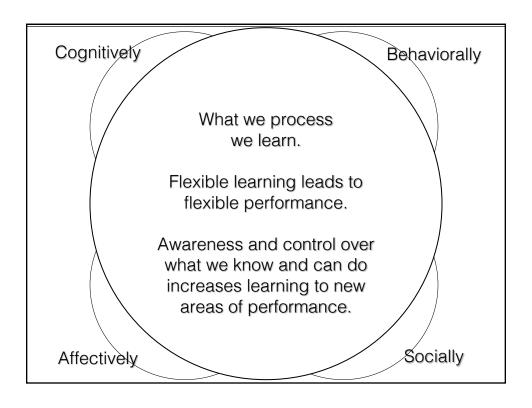
The question is: Is there a point on the path when the hiker is coming down that she passed at the same time of day when she was climbing up the mountain?





Debrief

- * Processing during learning and performance is improved by having an awareness of what one knows, what one can do, and when to apply one's knowledge. [metacognition]
- * Processing during learning and performance is improved by being in *control* of one's knowledge: planning, monitoring, and evaluating. [metacognition]



Deep and Flexible Knowledge

Deep Knowledge is easily accessible and highly integrated across diverse domains.

Flexible Knowledge Is context independent and highly applicable across diverse domains.

6 Principles for Developing Deep and Flexible Knowledge

Deep 1. Learning through practice at retrieval

Flexible 2. Learning through varied tasks and purposes

Deep 3. Learning at the principle level

Flexible 4. Learning awareness and control (metacognition)

Deep 5. Learning in response to developmental feedback

Flexible 6. Learning embedded in prior knowledge & experience

(Engle, 2006; Halpern & Hakel, 2003; Mariano, Doolittle, & Hicks, 2009; Wagner, 2006)

Learning Principles

- Practice at retrieval
- Vary tasks and purposes
- Focus on principles
- Foster awareness & control
- Provide developmental feedback
- Embed in prior knowledge & experience

High-Impact Practices

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Motivation

What we process we learn.

Flexible learning leads to flexible performance.

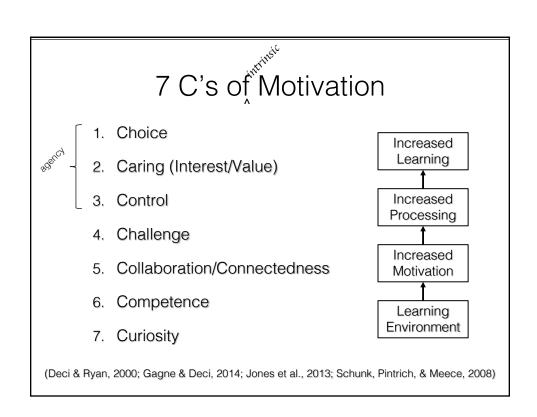
Awareness and control over what we know and can do increases learning to new areas of performance.

Memory

motivate to action →

Internal Motivation





Learning Principles	UG Research	Motivation Principles
Practice at retrieval	Sustained Involvement	Choice
Vary tasks	Clear Expectations	Caring
Focus on principles	Intellectual Ownership	Control
Awareness & control	Community of Scholars	Challenge
Dev feedback	Peer Mentoring	Collaboration
Prior know & exp	Cross-Disciplinary	Competence
	Faculty Mentoring	Curiosity

Rowlett, R. et al. (2012). Characteristics of excellence in undergraduate research. In Nancy Hensel (Ed.), Characteristics in Undergraduate Research. Washington, DC: Council of Undergraduate Research

Memory and Multitasking



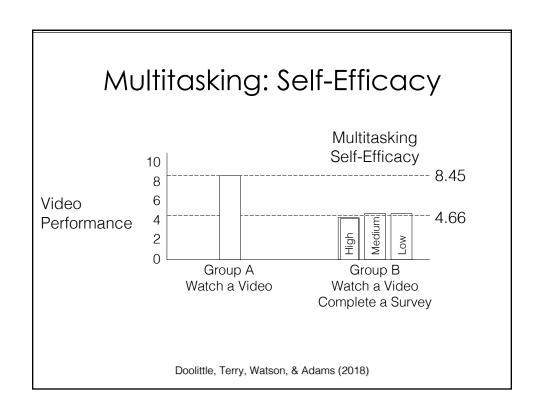
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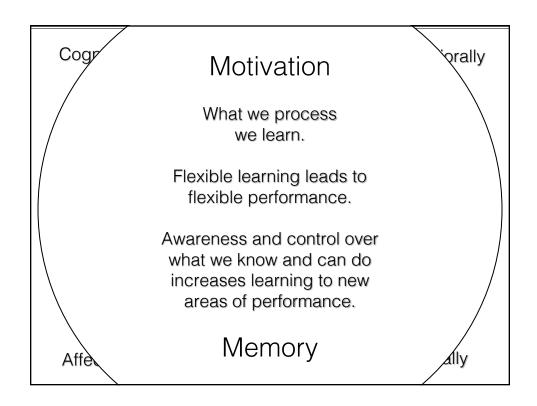
Multitasking Research

- ↑ MT with laptop →

 retention & class performance
- ↑ MT while studying → ♥ class performance
- ↑ laptop MT → ↓ performance by multitasker (11 %)
- ↑ laptop MT → ♥ performance by nearby peers (17 %)

(Judd, 2013; Junco & Cotton, 2011; Sana, Weston, & Cepeda, 2012; Wu, 2017; Zhang, 2015)





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