

Adapted from "Creating Cultures of Thinking" by Ron Ritchhart

OPPORTUNITIES

Crafting the vehicles for learning through:

- Categorizing opportunities in moments, tasks, projects and events.

- Recognizing specific characteristics of challenging opportunities that promote learning (novel application, meaningful inquiry, effective communication and perceived worth)

- Realizing opportunities to make them work for teachers and students

MODELING

Seeing ourselves through our students' eyes by:

-Dispositional apprenticeship; being a role model of learning and thinking -Cognitive apprenticeship; making our

thinking visible -Gradual release of responsibility;

modeling for independence

-Interactive modeling; learning from examples, practice and reflection

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Creating Cultures of Thinking

How to promote engagement, understanding and independence for all learners.

Cultures of Thinking: pz.harvard.edu/projects/ cultures-of-thinking

Making Thinking Visible: visiblethinkingpz.org

TIME

Become the master of time, rather

- Recognizing **time as a statement**

Learning to prioritize and always

than its victim through:

prioritizing learning

- Giving Thinking Time

- Managing energy, not time

Investing in time to make time

ROUTINES

of your values

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ENVIRONMENT

Using space to support learning and thinking through:

- Ensuring form follows the function (promoting thinking)
- Curating a classroom that values thinking

Create environments to enhance learning & build culture through:

- Visibility
- Flexibility
- Comfort
- Invitational Quality

LANGUAGE

Purposeful choice of "Language Moves" that promote a *Culture of* Thinking through using the Language of...

- Listening
- Thinking
- Community
- Identity
- Initiative
- Mindfulness
- Praise & Feedback

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EXPECTATIONS

High expectations for all learners (and learning) through:

- Focusing on learning vs. work
- Teaching for understanding vs knowledge alone
- Encouraging deep vs. surface learning strategies
- Encouraging independence vs. dependence
- Developing a growth vs. a fixed mindset

INTERACTIONS

Forging relationships that empower learners through establishing

working and thinking norms in the classroom to:

- Build culture through affect and roles
- Shape interactions through roles
- Ask "good" questions
- Create new patterns of discourse

immediate effect -Make students' thinking visible

- Direct attention to the issue of thinking

-Provide specific practices that have

Supporting and scaffolding learning and

thinking. Routines are more than just an

activity! They:

- -Encourage **action** & discussion around thinking
- -Build **infrastructure** for thinking and learning in the classroom
- Connect the other cultural forces

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