# BUILDING THE ROOM 

## TEACHING AND ASSESSING

 SOCIAL STUDIES IN BCSD33 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY CHILLIWACK SR. SEC. FEB 22 ND 2019



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## Declaring my biases (?)



## WHERE I TOOK MY INQUIRY



## What to

 teach?

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY "HISTORY"? IT'S COMPLICATED...

## academic history

"What happened? How do we know? Why did what happen, happen?"

## public history


"Where do we think we come from? Who do we think we are? Whose stories get told, and why?"
 QUESTIONS WITH A POLITICAL EDGE

What do people tend to believe? What do people tend to enjoy?"

## popular history

..SO WHEN WE SAY WE STUDY "HISTORY"

## THE PAST

 IN SCHOOL, ALL OF THIS IS FAIR GAME
## WHAT'S AT THE HEART OF THE NEW

 SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM?
## DRIVER

Inclusion of Aboriginal knowledge and perspectives

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Ongoing/updated influence of
positivist tradition in Education


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## STUDENT ENGAGEMENT



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## STUDENT ENGAGEMENT



## STORY CARDS



## DEAD RECKONING CHARTING NEW WATERS IN EDUCATION

"a method of establishing one's position using the distance and direction travelled rather than astronomical observations" (Collins English Dictionary)
"the finding of a ship's position by an estimate based on data recorded in the log, as speed, and the time spent on a certain course, rather than by more
 precise means"
(Webster Dictionary)


## Why are we talking about new curriculum?

## Skills and Attributes for a 21st Century

- Functional Numeracy and Literacy
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Creativity and Innovation
- Technological Literacy
- Communications and Media Literacy
- Collaboration and Teamwork
- Personal Organisation
- Motivation, Self-Regulation and Adaptability
- Ethics, Civic Responsibility, Cross-Cultural Awareness

The purpose of this paper is to provide a vision for the $\mathrm{K}-12$ education system in the $21^{\text {st }}$ century. This paper does not address implementation issues but instead investigates what a system might look like should it be transformed. In the knowledge-based society of today the sheer volume of accessible information is greater than ever before and is increasing exponentially. There are also increasing expectations for more open government, education, and society. The Premier's Technology Council has long advocated that BC take steps to prepare for this global shift.

## Shifting Roles

This new model will be more collaborative and inclusive, changing the roles of the student, the teacher, and the parent. Some of these shifts have already begun, as the relationship between teachers and students has slowly evolved. However, a more complete transformation of the education system and of the roles within it is required.

- From Passive Student to Active Learner: As a student progresses they will begin to take greater responsibility for charting their own path. It is the role of the student to accept and understand this responsibility. This would allow educators to take advantage of the innate learning ability of young people in a more open, exploratory learning environment where they learn by doing, not reading and listening. ${ }^{1}$ Most students have known only the digital age, are fully conversant with technology and capable of using it as part of learning. They know that technology provides them with information access, a flexibility of lifestyle, and multiple career choices.
- From Parent as Supporter to Parent as Participant: With greater information availability, parents can be more involved with their children's education by guiding decisions, helping to overcome challenges, and supporting learning outcomes. Furthermore, parents have to recognise their educational role outside the classroom. A student's out of school learning is critical.
- From Teacher as Lecturer to Teacher as Guide: The role of the teacher switches to that of a learning coach or coordinator and it is no longer a requirement for them to know more information than the student on every topic. Many teachers have already recognised that their role is shifting. However, technology now provides teachers with better tools to guide their students which allows for more significant transformation.

Figure A. Flexible Path to Education


## A BLENDED SYSTEM

At its broadest, this education system would likely have a mixture of face-to-face classroom and online learning. It would also incorporate the immense range of learning opportunities outside the classroom. Virginia school districts have found value in utilizing this combination: "blended or hybrid learning, is proving to be effective because it plays to student's strengths and weaknesses" as it provides flexibility in learning styles and time management. ${ }^{47}$ Some students would likely prefer a heavier emphasis on classroom learning while others may prefer the options of online learning, especially if they find their scheduling difficult, and it would be beneficial to allow choices to best fit the individual.

## Locus / Direction from...



## Appendix C. PTC Members \& Staff

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## LET'S TRY SOME PBL ON BCED



# MY QUESTION IN $2015 \ldots$ "HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE MINISTRY THESE DAYS, WILL OUR COURSES LOOK THE SAME OR SHOULD WE EXPECT A FREE-FOR-ALL WITH NO DIRECTION GIVEN?" 

To: \& Glen Thielmann<br>Attachments: GradYrCurriculumDirections.pdf / Uploaded File (1.9M)

## Hi Glen,

Yeah, they have curriculum "domains" similar to what we currently have, but traditional courses won't be required (though still possible). I looks as though they will be promoting a more interdisciplinary, inquiry approach. Though they are leaving flexibility to local districts and schools. I have attached what the Ministry has so far.

Unofficially, I don't think this is the final vision. I was told that a more significant shift has been discussed (I don't know details), but that is even farther away and may not even happen depending on how the more immediate changes go. I will know more in a month, but for the moment this is what I have.

I hope this helps,
K
Good luck in Surrey :)

## Q. How might the new curriculum be delivered?

The redesigned draft curricula are intended to support both disciplinary and interdisciplinary learning, and enable a variety of learning environments.

Because the curriculum is designed to be a flexible, enabling framework, teachers can use it to both respond to the needs and interests of students and capitalize on the local context. There are numerous ways to approach the curriculum. Classroom teachers might start by identifying a Big Idea and work down into the learning standards (i.e., the Content and Curricular Competencies) or they might start by identifying Curricular Competencies paired with Content that students can explore to lead them to a Big Idea.

Classroom teachers may also decide to combine Curricular Competencies, Content, and Big Ideas from several areas of learning to create interdisciplinary activities and approaches or explore the curriculum thematically, by looking at crosscutting concepts. The Know-Do-Understand model of the redesigned curriculum supports any approach the teacher deems most appropriate when designing learning experiences for the students in their classroom, including framing learning environments based on the Core Competencies.


## Curriculum Change -- SS

- SS Team tasked with compressing all "mandatory" content into K-10
- Convinced to use Seixas' Historical Thinking concepts as the basis for Competencies
- Teachers involved with some important work but also sidelined for key decisions; also not unified process reflects "personalities" and circumstances
- Survey of responses from academics, educators, and journalists show many dissenting opinions

PERSONALITIES MAKE PERSONALIZED CURRICULUM PERSONALITY DRIVEN?


Learning ultimately supports the well-being of the self, the family, the community, the land, the spirits, and the ancestors.

## Aboriginal Worldviews and Perspectives in the Classroom

Learning is holistic, reflexive, reflective, experiential, and relational (focused on connectedness, on reciprocal relationships, and a sense of place).

Learning involves recognizing the consequences of one's actions.

Learning involves generational roles and responsibilities.

Learning recognizes the role of indigenous knowledge.

Learning is embedded in memory, history, and story.

Learning involves patience and time.
Learning requires exploration of one's identity.
Learning involves recognizing that some knowledge is sacred and only shared with permission and/or in certain situations.

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## HOME

 CORE COMPEIENCIES - CURRCULUM Assessment Genduation2wient

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## A FRAMEWORK FOR ASSESSMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE REDESIGNED SOCIAL STUDIES 8-12 CURRICULUM



More About...


Responding
Student as Storyteller



Lessons, Activities, Assignments
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## Curriculum

 Foundations ability to organize and express subject/course understanding and understanding$1|2| 3$

Skills \& Applications ability to use a variety of subject-related practices or ails, and activate concepts \& knowledge in real-time
$1|2| 3$

Sourcework \& Critical Thinking
ability to work with evidence and apply concepts of historical and geographic thinking $1|2| 3$
 Research \& Inquiry ability to develop \& respond to meaningful questions, and
express though different methods
$1|2| 3$
examples: research essay, portfolio presentation, creative writing or artwork, embodied performance, class demonstration, play and ling questions and inquiry cycle, poster

Why do we need a new way to assess progress in Social Studies?
Students (and teachers) often don't actually know what a grade means. Does a C+ sigrify an average job on some learning outcomes or fallure at some and mastery of others? Do accumulated scores of $8 / 10,10 / 10,1 / 10$ and $9 / 10$ indicate a C+? Simply adding up scores does not always tell the story of what a student has learned or how they have progressed. Teachers are often confident that it should be straightforward for students to see the connection between what they do, how they are assessed, how they are graded, and what to do when they don't succeed. Mary schemes allow or even encourage students to do the bare minimum in order to get to the next level -- setting $50 \%$ as a pass is often a poor indication of competency. Students should be meeting expectations in all areas that are key indicators of success $=$ - if it is important, it is an expectation.
The idea of separating work habits from assessment of learning has obscured the fact that habits \& study skills, social conditions for learning, and personal achievement are hopelessly intertwined. Students need a way to move beyond the cards they are dealt. This requires an assessment practice that respects personal stories and allows students to "contract" for advancement Assessment should be more like swimming lessons. areas of progress that students can track, with feedback that is useful for their next attempt. Assessment should focus on performance and aim for objectivity, but we can't be oblivious to the differentisted abilities and backgrounds of stud nor the need for elegance, nuance, and equity.
It is not enough to simply assess content (whether factual recall or deeper understanding), nor is it any better to focus solely on the new (and partially developed) competencies. Similarly, schemes based on abstract or subjective standards make collection of meaningful data difficult. Something holissic and yet specific and clear is needed. We should be assessing both "competence" (ability to perform certain tasks) and "capacity" (ability to manage and complete many tasks).

| AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO USE THE 1-2-3 SYSTEM |  |  |  |
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| Teacher records assessment data and observations for each of the four Sets |  |  |  |
| Students track their own progress by recording evidence for each of the four Sets |  |  |  |
| Updates for students/parents include $1\|2\| 3$ status and feedback for getting to the next level |  |  |  |
| 1\|2|3 Placements - FORMATIVE |  |  |  |
| Status | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Progress re Expectations | Does not Meet or Not Yet Meeting | Minimally Meets/Meets | Fully Meets / Exxeeds |
| Accomplishment What it means | Basic or Developing: action needed* / not ready to advance | Satisfactory results; room to improve / ready to advance or refine"* | Exemplary results; ready to advance / room for challenge or reflection |
| *may include an alternate assignment, challenge exercise, S-T conferences, school-based intervention |  |  |  |
| ** students wanting to progress from a 1 to 2 or 3 have opportunities to "contract" missed outcomes |  |  |  |
| 1\|2|3 Placements - SUMMATIVE |  |  |  |
| three or four is | one or two is | two or three 2s, no 1s | three or four 3s |
| Failing Grade / Repeat Course or attempt by DC | Incomplete / Complete Modules or Summer school to recelve a pass | Passing Grade / assessment scores \& Final Exam required to finalize mark | Passing Grade / assessment scores used to finalize mark; no exam required |

## What we learn, why we learn it, and how it will be assessed in Social Studies

introducing the "CAPACITIES"


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## DEAD RECKONING

## CHARTING NEW WATERS IN EDUCATION

Dead Reckoning is a process of determining one's present position by projecting course(s) and speed(s) from a known past position, and predicting a future position by projecting course(s) and speed(s) from a known present position. The dead reckoning position is only an approximate position because it does not allow for the effect of leeway, current, helmsman error, or compass error. (The American Practical Navigator, Bowditch, 1799)

## OPEN WATER...

MASTER AND COMMANDER OF WHAT?
...WHAT'S OUR ROLE IN THIS EXPERIMENT?
...WHAT ARE WE GOOD AT?



## what we're good at...

DESIGNERS OF...
-learning environments
-inquiry
-experiences
-assessment

## "Good inquiry starts with a problem, sometimes it is a naturally occurring problem, but more likely it is something constructed out of situations that are uncertain or puzzling."

"The unique and uncertain situation comes to be understood through the attempt to change it... Furthermore, the practitioners' moves also produce unintended changes which give the situation new meanings. The situation talks back, the practitioner listens, and as he appreciates what he hears, he reframes the situation once again:"

## Donald Schön - The Reflective Practitioner • 1983



## Activity

$>$ think of a Social Studies class that you like to teach, or would like to change
-arrange the cards to show the value or emphasis you would place on them in


WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF SOCIAL STUDIES?
 designing your class
talk with others about what you did and why


WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF SOCIAL STUDIES?

## Values identified in activity

## HISTORICAL LITERACY

MAKE / DO / INQUIRE
PLACE-BASED

ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP
CRITICAL THINKING

IDENTITY WORK

RECONCILIATION
CULTURAL MOSAIC


Think about how your viewpoint(s) or value(s) relate to practice
-Course planning and unit design
-Lesson plans and activities/resources
-student projects and project criteria
-what you expect students to say and do
rassessment - especially the stuff from which report cards are made

## Designing inquiry around values

-maybe it's cognitive skills
-maybe it’s specific values of inquiry
-maybe it's one applied to another
-maybe it's something else
-the point is to design with intention instead of letting the current take you

## Examples from Peter Ellerton

## Next, Stickies

-pick two or three themes from your assembled cards, let's say you will build your course around these values
-blue: class activities or projects that will help fulfill your design values
-yellow: field trips or unique learning resources that will support your design
-pink: assessment tool(s) that will help students demonstrate their learning to appropriate audiences

## Big Ideas and Curricular Competencies

七think about the Big Ideas and Curricular Competencies for the courses you usually (or would like to) teach
>is their anything there that seriously "disrupts" what you are doing now... do you want it to?
-main choice: adapt the new concepts to fit what you do, or adapt what you do to fit the new concepts
rother choice: do nothing and see what happens... maybe you're already doing it right

Teaching for thinking: a pedagogical schema
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QUQCTP The University of Queenlsand Critical Thinking Project
Peter Ellerton, University of Queensland


Practical

Values of Inquiry-supporting questions


Values of inquiry modified from Elder, L. and R. Paul (2001). "Critical Thinking: Thinking with Concepts." Iournal of Developmental Education 24(3).

## The Critical Thinking Matrix

A high-resolution reference source for mapping critical thinking skills

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## WHERE <br>  <br> INQUIRY

- collaborative inquiry
- building the classroom in community
- support for projects
- theory
-practice
-grants/release time






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# CURRICULUM DESIGN FOR CREATIVE AND CRITICAL THINKING 

The Donella Meadows Project
Academy for Systems Change

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## Systems Thinking Resources

See our Systems Thinking Resources below!
Concepts and Frameworks
THE FIVE LEARNING DISCIPLINES
Developed by renowned systems thinker Peter Senge, these five disciplines each enhance the ability of a person or organization to use learning effectively. Leveraged together, they contribute heavily to the success of learning organizations, defined by Senge as, "...organizations where people continually expand their capacity to create the results they truly desire, where new and expansive patterns of thinking are nurtured, where collective aspiration is set free, and where people are continually learning to see the whole together."

The five learning disciplines are

1. Personal Mastery
2. Mental Models
3. Shared Vision
4. Team Learning
5. Systems Thinking

* U-Process (Theory U)
* Biomimicry
* Double Loop Learning
* Iceberg Model
* Bathtub Theorem
* Stock and Flow Diagramming
* Open Space
* World Café
* Graphic Facilitation
* Guided Envisioning lof a Sustainable World)
http://donellameadows.org/systems-thinking-resources/


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## Panarchy

## What is Panarchy?

Panarchy is a conceptual framework to account for the dual, and seemingly contradictory, characteristics of all complex systems - stability and change. It is the study of how economic growth and human development depend on ecosystem
 and institutions, and how they interact. It is an integrative framework, bringing together ecological, economic and social models of change and stability, to account for the complex interactions among both these different areas, and different scale levels (see Scale Levels).

Panarchy's focus is on management of regional ecosystems, defined in terms of catchments, but it deals with the impact of lower, smaller, faster changing scale levels, as well as the larger, slower supra-regional and global levels. Its goal is to develop the simplest conceptual framework necessary to describe the twin dynamics of change and stability across both disciplines and scale levels.

The development of the panarchy framework evolved out of experiences where "expert" attempts to manage regional ecosystems often resulted in considerable degradation of those ecosystems (Gunderson and Holling, 2002). Regional management efforts are generally linear in nature, targeting the maintenance of certain variables - forest growth rates river clarity, fish harvest rates, etc.

## Design Thinking based on the need to manage natural resources where the existing expert approaches and competing interests were not working.



# Cathedral Thinking and Education, from https://cathedralthinking.com 

Cathedral Thinking" is that the creation of a significant sustained initiative, like the construction of a cathedral that will take a very long time to complete. In the case of cathedrals this will likely be several hundred years, much longer than the lifetime of those who started it. To undertake such a long term, demanding and potentially Evolutionary endeavour requires strategic innovations and strategic systems that are entirely different from those that deal with mundane day-to-day problems. Courage, vision and commitment is mandatory.

## CATHEDRALTHINKING



OK, maybe not centuries, but think in terms of 30 years before you think of the next 3 days.

Community (network) approach with strong role for experts

Planning for long-term uses that are different than the immediate needs and challenges

Project may never really be completed, but at some point it needs to be used - therefore the planning starts with intention, the broad goals for how the space will be experienced and the expected outcomes from people who use it.

## TEACHER IDENTITY

$\square$ passion, strengths, goals/values, wish-lists, force of personality
$\square$ my story - personal \& cultural narratives
$\square$ influence of other educators, peers, and supervisors, network $\square$ influence from students (e.g. what you think you've learned from them that will influence current or future learning design

## CURRICULUM

$\square$ Curriculum Goals \& Rationale documents
$\square$ Curriculum Core Competencies
$\square$ Curriculum Big Ideas
$\square$ Curriculum Curricular Competencies
$\square$ Curriculum Content Standards
$\square$ how much or little, where to put it and why $\square$

THE INGREDIENTS OF COURSE AND UNIT
PLANNING

## STRUCTURES \& ROUTINES

$\square$ start and end points (e.g. content, timeline)

- norms \& expectations
$\square$ hook(s) - overarching/ongoing vs set of daily prompts
$\square$ kinds and number of lessons (dividing a unit into parts)
$\square$ pedagogical balance (talk vs read vs move vs view, etc.)
$\square$ matching learning resources (old \& traditional vs newer \& tested vs newest \& experimental); funded vs unfunded, supported vs unsupported
$\square$ design for quick engagement (cool) vs depth or importance
- classroom traditions or habit-forming practices (for teachers and students)
- style and expression options for students (e.g. multimodal)
- flex time, pacing for lesson elements
$\square$ question techniques, varied methods for encouraging response
- backup activities, go-bag for subs
$\square$ assignment design, digital or print support (e.g. handouts)
- making space for all voices, perhaps starting by considering Indigenous learners, ELL learners, aiming for equity


## CONTEXT - STUDENTS

$\square$ the range of abilities \& strengths, disabilities \& challenges (learning and behavioural), IEPs, adapt vs modify -- understood? funded? supported?socio-economic and cultural realities/vulnerabilitiesenergy level, cohesion, baggage/history, collective personality inventory of interests, passions, inclinations, skill sets, parent support

## CONTEXT - SPATIAL

$\square$ factors that influence social-emotional and self-regulatory systems $\square$ embedded (spatially oriented) classroom management strategies
$\square$ indigenizing spaces - environments of care, inclusion, mindfulness, and paying attention to the needs of the body, mind, and soul
$\square$ social contexts: individual, group, student vs teacher led, guests - environmental contexts: indoor vs outdoor, class, library, lab, gym
$\square$ classroom design: desks, tables, configuration, patterns (cf "Pattern Language"), walls \& shelves, reggio-inspired, order vs chaos, "feng shui" $\square$ strategies for clean \& safe work areas
$\square$ spaces for social contexts: individual, group, student vs teacher led $\square$ community and place-conscious opportunities, and guests!
$\square$ environmental contexts: indoor vs outdoor, class, library, lab, gym
$\square$ classroom design: desks, tables, configuration, patterns
$\square$ classroom presence: where is the teacher, why there

| ASSESSMENT |  |
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| $\square$ | formative (formal/informal) \& summative assessment |
| $\square$ | entry level \& pre/post assessments |
| $\square$ | performance standards/rubrics/proficiency scales |
| $\square$ | reflection cycle for students and teacher |
| $\square$ | real-world/authentic assessment |
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Ecosystem Theory in Education suggests that the relationships existing in learning environments are essentially ecological in nature

Forest examples:

* intensely connected to the characteristics of place
* interrelatedness of factors affecting performance
* development of niches (specialization)
* interspecies cooperation (e.g. mycelial network)
* community indicator species
* continuous decay and renewal within set patterns
* old growth specimens: the denizens of the forest with impacts that extend well beyond death

Views the classroom as an ecosystem with necessarily different functions (niches) but focused on long-term health and diversity of the community

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Heritage Inquiry is an effective way to develop ecological structures in a classroom

* firm role for teachers and community members lespecially elders) to act as "denizens" - intergenerational informants, and a powerful source of nutrients for the classroom soil
* create niches for students to specialize and succeed where otherwise they might not
* inquiry process acts as a fungal network providing nutrients along the root network - students learn from each other


## HERITAGE INQUIRY



## Rivers are complex systems:

## FLUYIAL MODEL

* in the youthful stage, they have the ability to cut down quickly through substrate, but remain small and subject/ responsive to sudden changes
* in their middle stage, they create an ever-widening path of influence, their own distinct landscape \& ecosystem
* in their older stage, they don't carve vertically through mountains but they do carry mountains of sediment and have enormous horizontal impact

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Competence vs Capacity

* fluvial geomorphologists differentiate between stream competence (ability to move particles by size) and stream capacity (total volume of sediment able to be carried)
* for a class to think like a river, their needs to be trust and community
* trust - that the youthful and the experienced each do their part
* community - if each does their part then the whole system has significant impact and ability to accomplish goals


What we learn, why we learn it, and how it will be assessed in Social Studies

| "I can" STATEMENTS |
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| $\begin{array}{l}\text { I know about themes and } \\ \text { examples from history, } \\ \text { geography, and society. }\end{array}$ |
| $\begin{array}{l}\text { I have a sense of the } \\ \text { world in which I live and }\end{array}$ |
| $\begin{array}{c}\text { ++++ } \\ \text { more about curricular }\end{array}$ |
| + ++ UNDERSTAND |

content, acquiring knowledge, and breaking down the big ideas

more about putting both competencies and content to work to show learning about the big ideas
I interpret, form opinions, and gain understanding from data and evidence.

I have a sense of how human nature has played out on the world.

I follow different kinds of inquiry steps and express my learning effectively.

I make authentic connections to the
stories of others.

EXAMPLES
categorization, annotated map, simulation game, lecture notes, lesson guides, group poster, response guide, question/answer (aka bookwork), test/quiz, graphic organizer, identifying arguments, read for understanding, pose questions of the curriculum
annotated timeline, thematic map, research outline, decoding activity, graphing exercise, GIS computer tutorial, bibliography, letter to the editor, socratic circle, debate, locating appropriate primary sources, deconstructing an argument or claim

## current events response mplate, categorization of

data by theme; analysis and comparison of primary sources such as statements, maps, records, paintings, letters, and photographs, evaluation of a claim; predicting geographic change; building an historical account
research essay, portfolio presentation, creative writing or artwork, embodied performance, class demonstration, use of driving questions and inquiry cycle, poster display and lecturette, response to an essential question, community action


| Sample 5 point Proficiency Scale for <br> assessing performance standards or <br> assignment criteria |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1 | work has begun but evidence <br> of understanding still to <br> Eome; skills \& concepts may <br> seem very challenging |
| 2 | work shows progress <br> towards understanding, <br>  <br> necessary |
| Practicing | work shows some <br> Developing |
| understanding and increasing |  |
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| concepts |  |$|$

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STRONG ROLE FOR... <--- personal \& cultural identity, personal/social awareness \& responsibilit
 KNOWLEDGE ORGANIZERS e.g. exercises
and activities structured around the curricular curricula content
standards COGNITIVE SKILLS e.g. interpretation, analysis, inference, explanation, self-regulation*

## HISTORICAL AND

 GEOGRAPHIC THINKING CO VALUES OF INQUIRY e.g. clarity, accuracy, precision, depth, coherence, breadth**see Ellerton Matrix bit.ly/2EltNk6 All of it....

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Cathedral Thinking - planning projects that won't bear fruit for 5-1 0 years, e.g. Sourcebox project, Thinking it Through (book), Place in Education Symposium

Old Growth Mindset - creating class activities and structures that encourage niches, and traditions that run from year to year

Fluvial Model - our consortium, like our classrooms, runs the spectrum from workshop to congress... different "particle size challenges" balanced with overall capacity to affect learning and develop thinking.

We often find ourselves at the "braided stream" phase of the river... multiple shifting channels, choked with sediment.

# PACIFIC SLOPE APPLYING THE DESIGN THINKING 

Tinker: All students can think critically and creatively; using hands-on primary and secondary sources and artifacts provides multiple access points for students to do so, and suggest the way for broader community connections and applications of learning.

Thinker: All students are capable of using the six historical and geographic thinking concepts to make sense of their worlds and express their understanding; when done together this forms the basis of learning communities rooted in thinking.

Storyteller: All students have powerful stories to tell, developed through techniques such as heritage inquiry and narrative writing; the roots of personal and cultural identity are intertwined with all aspects of curriculum

PIE: Place in Education - all learning is influenced strongly by context and deep connections to place, and is made more authentic when teachers and students work intentionally with notions of place.

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| Role-play simulations | V |  | V | V | V | V |
| Manipulative sets | V |  |  | V | V | V |
| Thinking classroom initiatives | V | V | V | V | V | V |
| Sourcebook Author | V |  |  | V | V | V |
| Heritage Inquiry Program | V | V | V |  |  | V |
| Place-based Songwriting |  | V |  |  |  |  |
| Integration of Outdoor Ed in SS |  |  | V |  |  |  |
| PIE planning \& contribution | V | V | V | V | V | V |
| Other? |  |  |  |  |  |  |

> SOME PROJECTS FROM THE PACIFIC SLOPE CONSORTIUM


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Elders Project — using Métis kit to develop storytelling K-3

# SOMEPROJECTS FROM THE PACIFIC SLOPE CONSORTIUM 



## Soviet Survivor



> SOME PROJECTS FROM THE PACIFIC SLOPE CONSORTIUM


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## Heritage Inquiry



> SOME PROJECTS FROM THE PACIFIC SLOPE CONSORTIUM


Some questions to consider

* what kinds of design process do you use, and why did you choose it?
* how does your design process relate to your goals for how your classroom will be experienced by students, e.g. what are your intentions around student outcomes?
* are their discrepancies between your design goals and your values as an educator le.g. does the assessment match your expressed purpose?)
* how can you use existing resources or activities to affect a new outcome (e.g. a focus on curricular competencies)?
* do you have a design team... what would you create with colleagues with a little time and money?


## MANIPULATIVES



## CDN JAPANESE INTERNMENT MANIPULATIVES ACTIVITY


>brainstorm uses

## BUILDING THE ROOM

## TEACHING \& ASSESSING SOCIAL STUDIES

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