## Beyond the Buzzwords~ Teaching Strategies that Really Work!

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## Understanding the Need for Teaching Strategies

#### Objectives

- Develop an understanding of the need and use of teaching strategies to deliver high quality instruction and actively engage students
- Identify 9 categories of research-based teaching strategies
- Recognize strategies used by presenter throughout presentation

"Great teaching is an art."

"Great art relies on the mastery and application of foundational skills, learned individually through diligent study."



Teach Like a Champion: 49 Techniques that Put Students on the Path to College, Doug Lemov, 2010

The "art" of teaching is rapidly becoming the "science" of teaching.

Early 1970s researchers began looking at the effects of instruction on student learning.





Classroom Instruction that Works, Marzano, Pickering, Pollock, 2001

Are some instructional strategies more effective in certain subject areas?

Are some instructional strategies more effective at certain grade levels?

Are some instructional strategies more effective with students from different backgrounds?

Are some instructional strategies more effective with students of different aptitude?

# The answers to these questions will help move teaching from an art to a science.

Research shows that individual teachers can have a profound influence on student learning even in schools that are relatively ineffective.

## Student Engagement

Gallup Poll results found that:

- 1. Elementary 8 out of 10 students are engaged
- Middle 6 out of 10 students are engaged
- 3. High only 4 of 10 are engaged

## WHY the decline?

Turn

TALK

and

#### What are teaching strategies?

### **TEACHING STRATEGIES 101:**

*Def.* Methods used to engage students in the learning process.



## Instructional strategies *enhance* student achievement

## Coaching strategies *enhance* athletic success



#### Instructional strategies are tools only

No instructional strategy works equally well in *all* situations

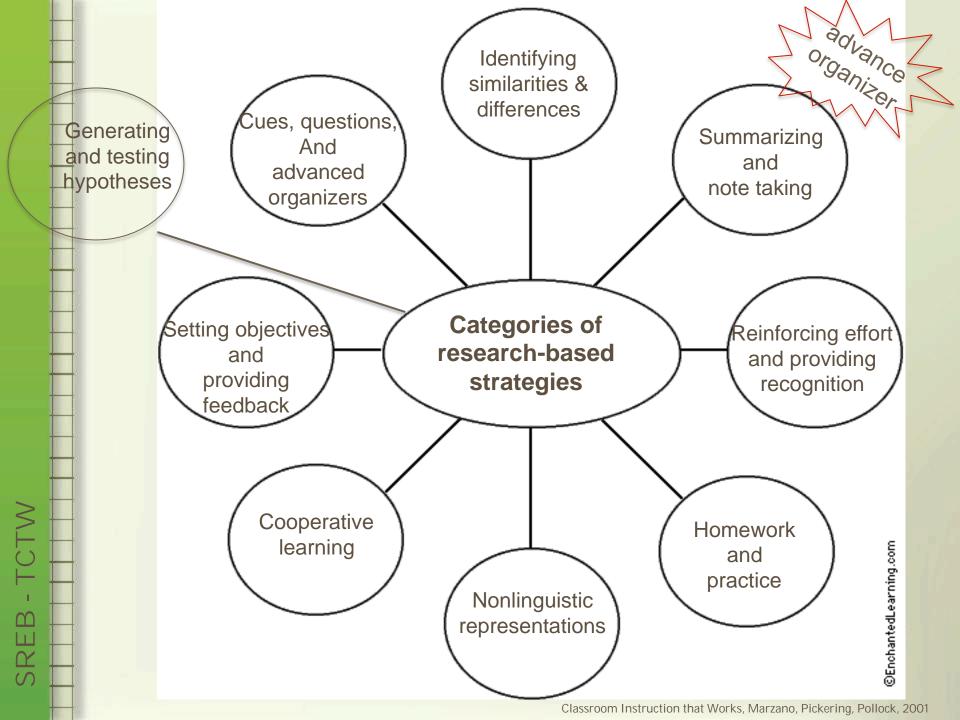
 Keep a list of teaching strategies you see used by Gina today



#### Pg. 1 work packet

### What Does the Research Say?

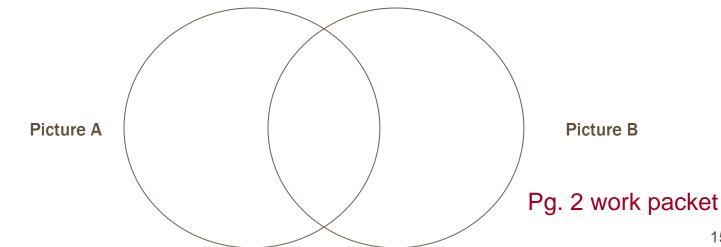
9 categories of strategies have a strong effect on student achievement according to a 1998 study by Midcontinent Research for Education and Learning (McREL)



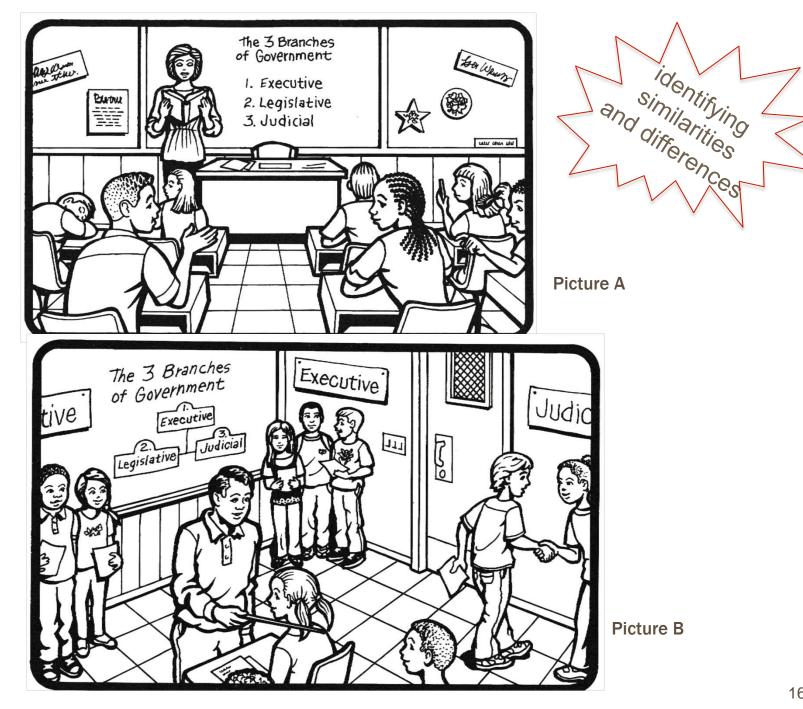
## Venn Diagram\*



Using the Venn diagram in your work packet, fill in the differences between the 2 pictures in the sections that do not intersect; fill in the similarities in the intersection between the 2 circles





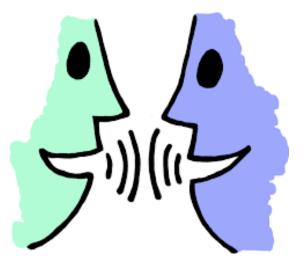


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## Turn and Talk

Introduce yourself

Explain a strategy you have used that is your favorite





Great teachers use strategies to engage students so they feel like part of the lesson.

Use of strategies can assure focused involvement

Use of strategies can engage students in the work of the class, not just the class

Use of strategies can ensure students keep focused on learning

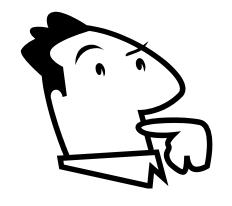
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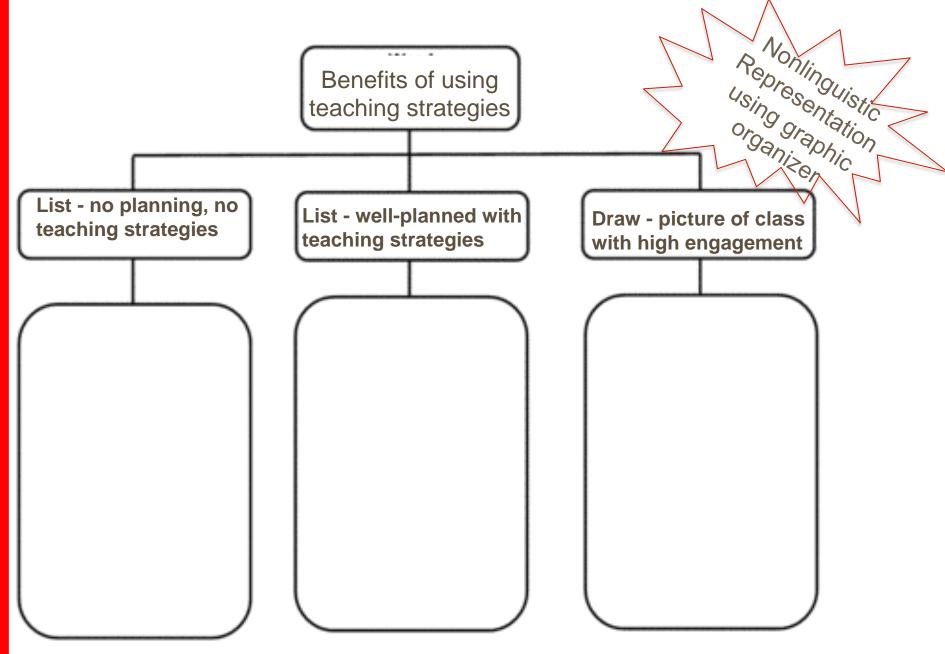
## Adding Student Think Time



#### Think-Pair-Share



- Identify an animal that represents your classroom when you *do not* teach from a well-planned lesson using strategies to engage students
- Turn to partner and share
- Be prepared to shout out animal names with entire group



Pg. 3 work packet

Think back to high school –

Who was your favorite teacher?

Who was a teacher you learned the most from?

Was it the same teacher?

What did your most effective teacher do differently that helped you to learn and obtain the information?



## Free Write on Using Teaching Strategies

In the box, describe an experience you had as a teacher in which a lesson you taught was well-planned and delivered using planned teaching strategies.

- What teaching strategy did you use?
- □ Were the lessons well-planned?
- □ What was the environment of the classroom?
- □ How were the students engaged?
- Did the students enjoy the lesson and meet the objective?

Pg. 4 work packet

## Begin With the End in Mind

When I started out teaching, I would begin by trying to think of an activity for my classes the next day/week—something fun to "hook" the students.

But you must start your planning with the end, the objective, in mind.

What do you want your students to be able to do by the end of the lesson?

Don't substitute frills for substance!

## Lesson Planning Sequence

1. Objective
2. Assessment
3. Activity, strategy

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Almost every teacher writes lesson plans.

This allows the you to focus on what students are doing each moment, not what you are going to do next.

"Most people have the will to win; few have the will to prepare to win." -- Bobby Knight



### What has the Greatest Impact?

- 1. Lively Teaching
- 2. Academic Rigor
- 3. Connective Instruction

Move to corners of room



## Every One of Them!

- 1. Lively Teaching group work, projects
- 2. Academic Rigor high cognitive demanding tasks and environment (academic press)
- 3. Connective Instruction personal connection with the teacher and classroom environment.

And teaching strategies will help you make each of them effective in engaging ALL of your students!

## 20-Word Summary



--causes students to summarize, user higher-level thinking skills, improve comprehension.

Complete a 20-word summary, with complete sentences, summarizing the result of using research-based teaching strategies to engage students in learning.



Participation Guide, page 3

## WHAT HAVE Y FARNED TODAY 5



Teachers have choices in how they teach

Teachers who use various strategies are more capable of motivating and exciting students; they make learning relevant, fun, and challenging

By using various instructional strategies, teachers provide different ways for students to address their goals and to meet higher expectations

Good teaching instills in students the desire to learn and to reach beyond their grasp

### TIME + EFFORT = SUCCESS

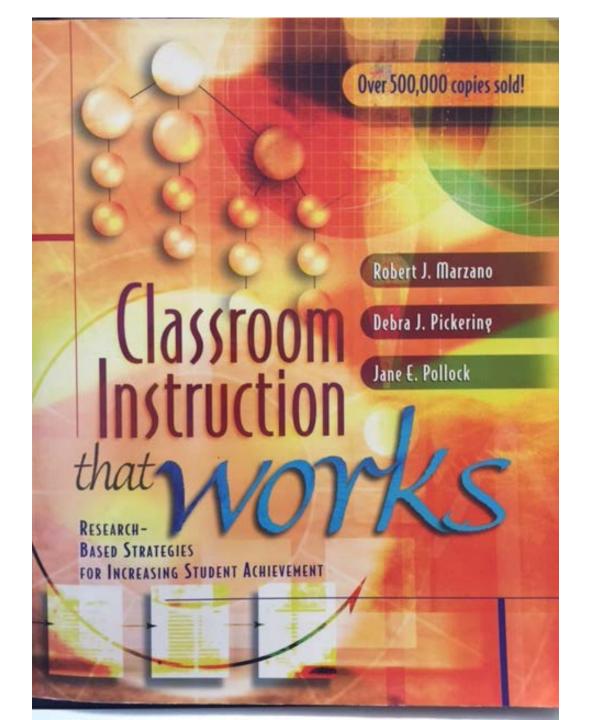
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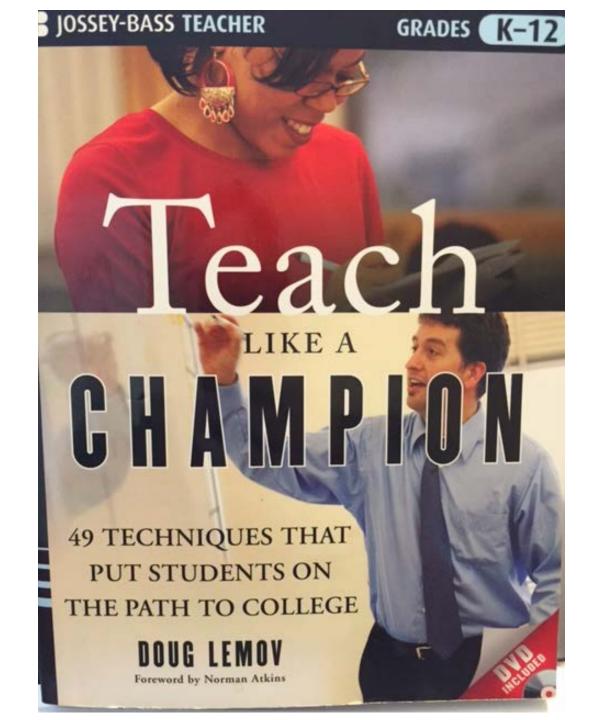
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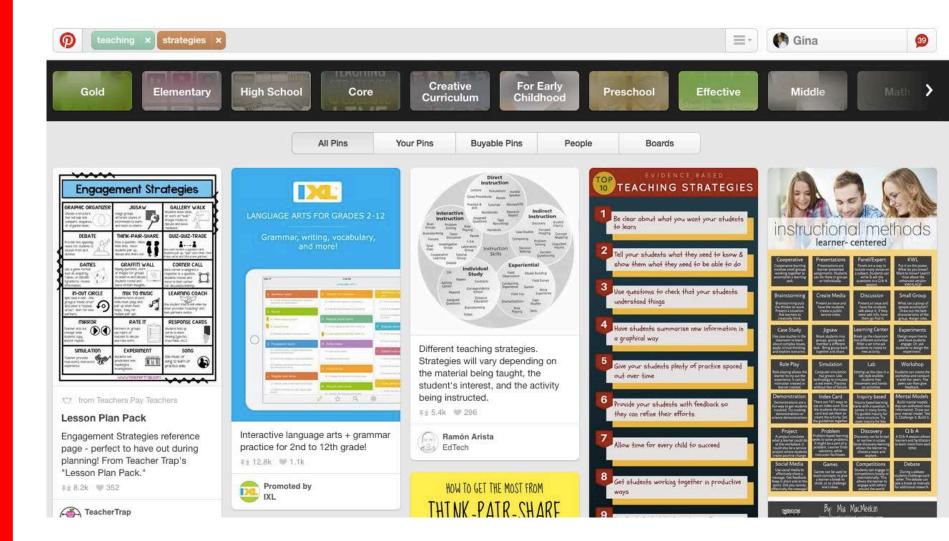


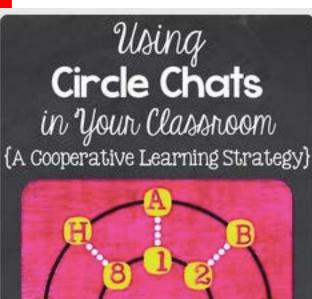


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Got to Teach!: Circle Chats: A Cooperative Learning Strategy {Post 3 of 5}

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Managing Classroom Behavi...



Why every teacher should be doing it!

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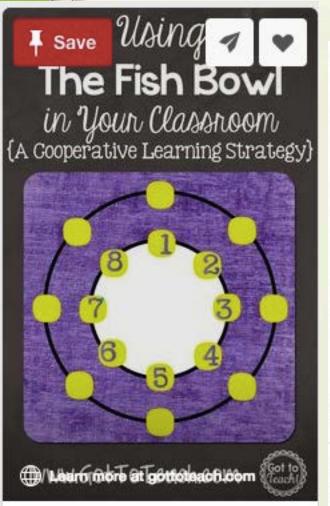
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Tessa Maguire Bright Ideas for the Classroom

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- List 3 things you remember from the lesson.
- Give 2 examples of what you learned.
- Write I question you have or something you are confused about.

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Free poster download! The 3-2-1 Strategy is one example of many formative assessments.

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Mandy Neal FourthGradeFriends.com SIX TEACHING STRATEGIES I Couldn't WITHOUT DUCATED

from Education to the Core

#### Six Teaching Strategies I Couldn't Live Without

Six Teaching Strategies I Couldn't Live Without

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How many teaching strategies did you identify being used in this presentation?

reinforcing effort and providing

recognition

5?

9?

12?

More than 12?

- **1. Setting objectives** The process of establishing the direction for learning.
- 2. Advanced organizer intro of materials presented in advance.
- **3.** Turn and talk permits all students to participate in discussion.
- 4. Venn diagram (graphic organizer) uses circles to represent sets and their relationships.
- 5. Graphic organizer- Communication tool that uses visual symbols to express knowledge, concepts, thoughts, or ideas, and the relationships between them.
- 6. Identifying similarities and differences cognitive activity that helps learners see patterns and connections.
- 7. Free write given prompt, encourages free flow of thoughts to reflect on learning, connect prior knowledge, process information.

- 8. Nonlinguistic representation (graphic organizer) imagery mode of representation expressed as mental pictures and/or physical sensations.
- **9. Think Pair Share (cooperative learning)** collaborative learning strategy which causes students to work together to solve a problem or answer a question. Requires students to think individually, then pair with another before sharing ideas with whole class.
- **10. Incorporating movement** responding to a multiple choice question or opinion survey by moving into an area of the room.
- **11. 10-word summary (summarizing)** causes students to summarize, use higher-level thinking skills, improve comprehension.
- **12. Reinforcement of effort** providing students with rewards or praise for their accomplishments.
- Exit slip quick, informal assessment to enable teachers to quickly assess students' understanding of the material.



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