## Why? Who Cares?

Dr. Bonnie Walters Professor of Animal and Food Science UW-River Falls Have you ever taught a Required Course for Non – majors?

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  - Are they assessable?(Do you have diverse forms of assessment?)

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#### Diverse Examples

- Plant Science students don't always want to hear about animals and vice versa.
- Relevance/Commonality across majors

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## Classification Activity

- Split in to groups of 4
- Take bag
- Flip Chart Paper
- Markers
- Create a cladogram (upside down family tree)
- Post on wall
- Compare

#### DNA

- Make a double helix of DNA
- Use items in bag
  - Toothpicks make bonds (think about bond angles)

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Should Learning be a Game? Reward the Best Player?

## NO!

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# **Flexability**

## Questions