



A Picture is Worth A Thousand Words:

Low Stakes Assessments

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My role



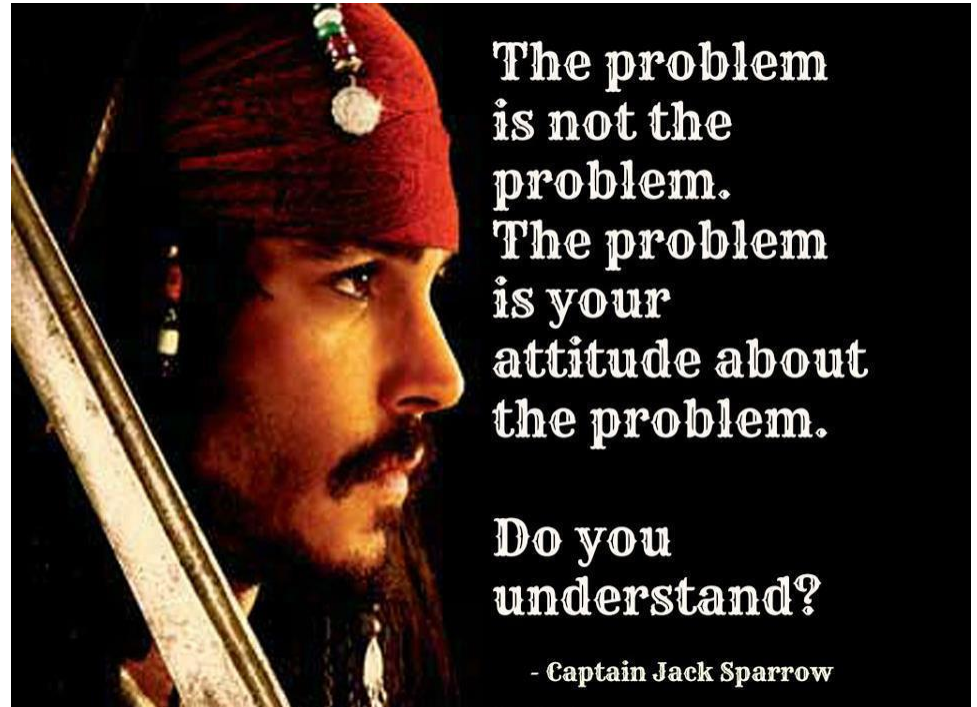
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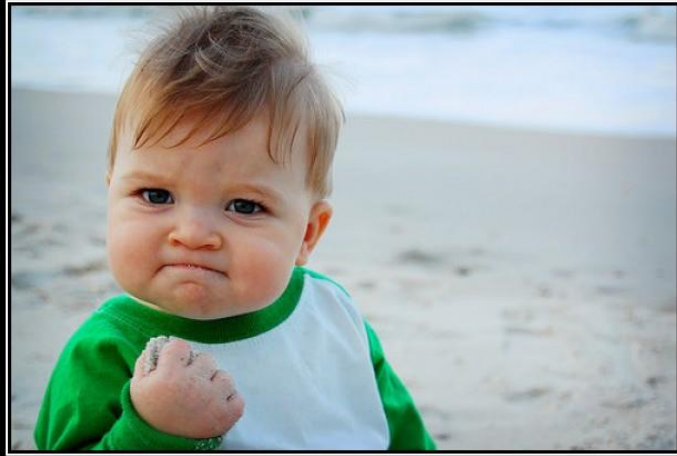
It's a Mind Set

"mindset" {noun}

a set of beliefs or a way of thinking that determines one's behavior, outlook and mental attitude.



Not easy...Takes some time...



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WHAT PEOPLE THINK
IT LOOKS LIKE

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WHAT IT REALLY
LOOKS LIKE

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High Stakes Assessments

Any assessment that has major consequences



Any assessment that:

- is a single defined assessment
- has a clear line between passing and failing
- has direct consequences for passing or failing

High Stakes Assessment Criticisms

- Doesn't correctly measure individual's knowledge or skill
- May not measure what the tester really wants to test
- Can cause stress which hinders actual relay of knowledge
- Often given as a "single" long exam
- Creates an incentive for cheating



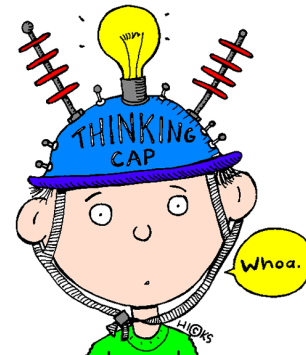
Low Stakes Assessment

Assessments that encourage student and teacher reflection and are used to inform the teaching and learning process within classrooms



Low Stakes Assessment Benefits

- Increases student participation and engagement
- Gives realistic idea of performance in class early
- Allows instructors to evaluate level of student participation
- Allows students to be creative and use critical thinking skills



Low Stakes Assessments Benefits

- Easy to grade
- Higher rate of completion
- Higher levels of creativity
- Higher levels of cognitive function (thought)

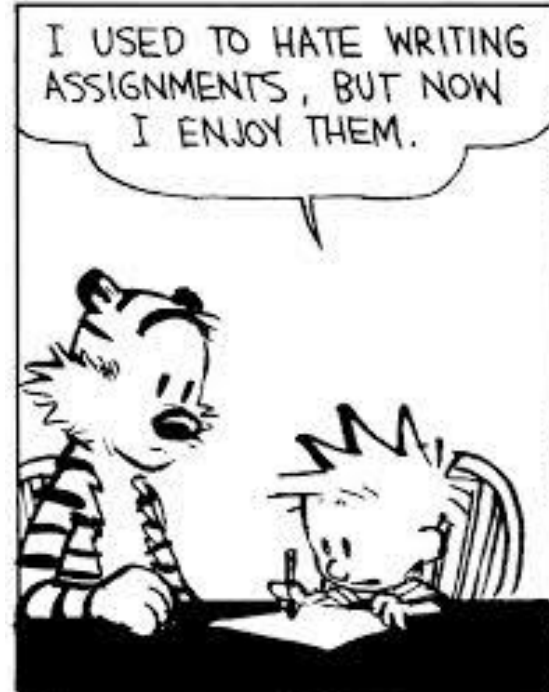
Examples of Low Stakes Assessment

- Writing based course
 - ▣ Brainstorming
 - ▣ Thesis Statements
 - ▣ Outlines
 - ▣ Annotated bibliography
 - ▣ 1 minute class summaries – exit papers



Examples of Low Stakes Assessment

- ▣ Quick writes
- ▣ freewrites
- ▣ Inkshedding
- ▣ Drafts



Examples of Low Stakes Assessment

- Reflection journals
 - ▣ Shared Google document
 - What they learned
 - How to apply what they learned
 - How they practice what they learned



Examples of Low Stakes Assessment

- Interviews
 - ▣ Retired professional
 - Set questions
 - Free questions
 - Write up of interview



Examples of Low Stakes Assessment

- PSA – Public Service Announcement
 - ▣ 1-2 minute PSA
 - ▣ Use a cell phone, iPad, web-cam, flip video
 - ▣ Submit written script along with video
 - ▣ Specific content to be included in interview



Examples of Low Stakes Assessment

- Collages
 - ▣ Themes
 - ▣ Specific course content
 - ▣ Specific course objective



LISTENER

Followership

Service

Personable

Collage



Ethical

PASSION



Genuine



Caring

Open-

minded



Courage



Strength



CYCLICAL

Examples of Low Stakes Assessment

- Wordle
 - ▣ Based on interview
 - ▣ Based on conversation
 - ▣ Based on poll
 - ▣ Based on readings

Examples of Low Stakes Assessment

- Prezi
- ▣ Non-linear ppt

Personal Leadership
Development Plan



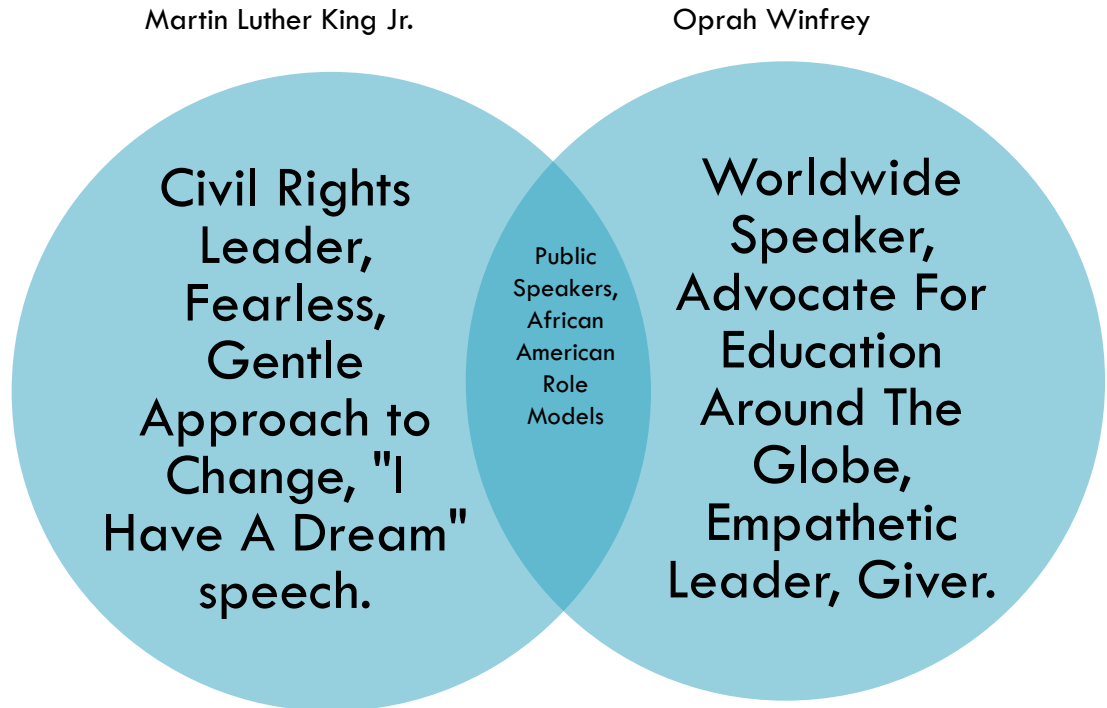
Examples of Low Stakes Assessment

□ Venn Diagram

▣ Compare

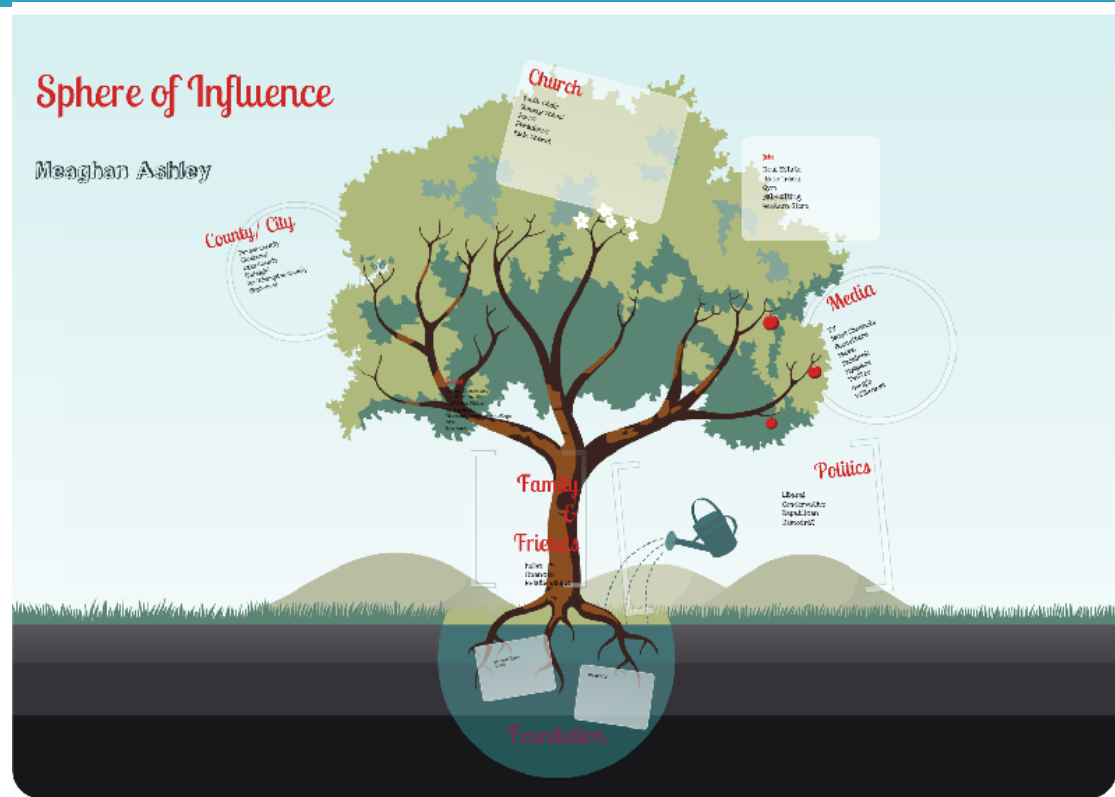
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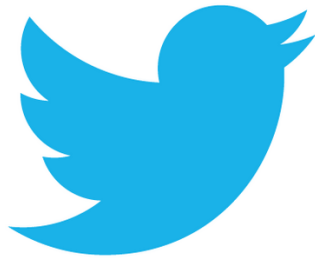
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□ Free Choice



Examples of Low Stakes Assessment

- Twitter
 - ▣ Happening around them



Examples of Low Stakes Assessment

- Everyday challenges for “no grade”
 - ▣ Discussion oriented



Remember

- With LSA's students become active learners
 - ▣ Involves students ideas, thoughts and thinking
 - ▣ Allows students to express what they know
 - ▣ Many LSA's lead to higher gains in final projects
 - ▣ Gives instructor a barometer on class understanding
 - ▣ Students can focus on learning not on grade
 - ▣ Requires less from instructor – grading, scoring, comments

Sometimes it works...Sometimes ???



Your Thoughts/Experiences/Examples





Thank You

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