

In-Class Action-Based Learning Activities

Connection Collections

Bloom's Revised Learning Objective: analyze (analysis)

Purpose:

- enhances creative and critical thinking skills
- assists in attaching meaning to classroom content
- promotes the connection of learning to real-world settings
- allows ongoing assessment of student learning

Application:

- have your students gather objects that represent literal or metaphorical connections to the material being discussed in your class
- place the objects in some type of container (box, big bag, etc)
- encourage your students to make the connections between the objects and the class topic; have them either write down their connections or share them with the entire class
- also, use this to allow your students to predict (speculate) upcoming discussions or studies based on the current connections

Tips:

- allow students to take notes and write any comments down to increase their learning and recall once the activity is finished
- provide examples of collectible objects; then assign your students the task of gathering objects for the next class
- use this activity as a culminating lesson, mid-term/mid-topic review or as an opportunity to transition to a new topic