

Teachers Are Brain Changers

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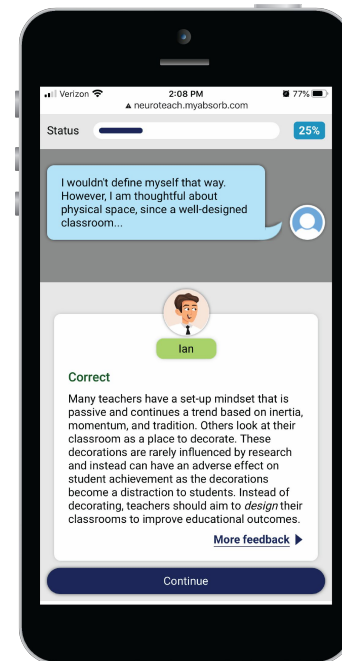
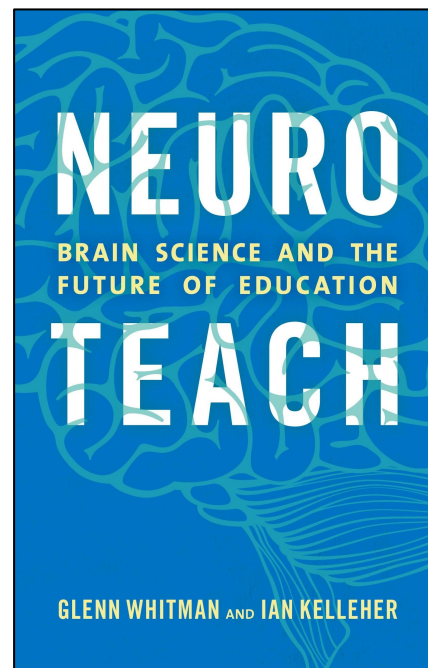


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To what extent do you agree or disagree with the statement: “Teachers are brain changers?”

- a. Strongly agree
- b. Agree more than disagree
- c. Disagree more than agree
- d. Strong disagree
- e. Never thought about it (until now)

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What is the next frontier for teacher training, to take good teachers (and their schools & districts) and make them great, and great teachers (and their schools & districts) and make them expert?





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The CCTL's vision is a world where every teacher understands how every student's brain learns

The CCTL's mission is to create and innovate in the field of Mind, Brain and Education Science research.

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Edutopia

European League for Middle Level Education (ELMLE)

IMBES

International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE)

Learning and the Brain

Learning Forward

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NAIS People of Color Conference

National Network of Schools in Partnership

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The CTTL Around the World

Since its founding in 2011, the CTTL has collaborated with teachers and school leaders from 6 continents and 43 states. Additionally, we have presented at more than 200 conferences, schools, and districts around the world.

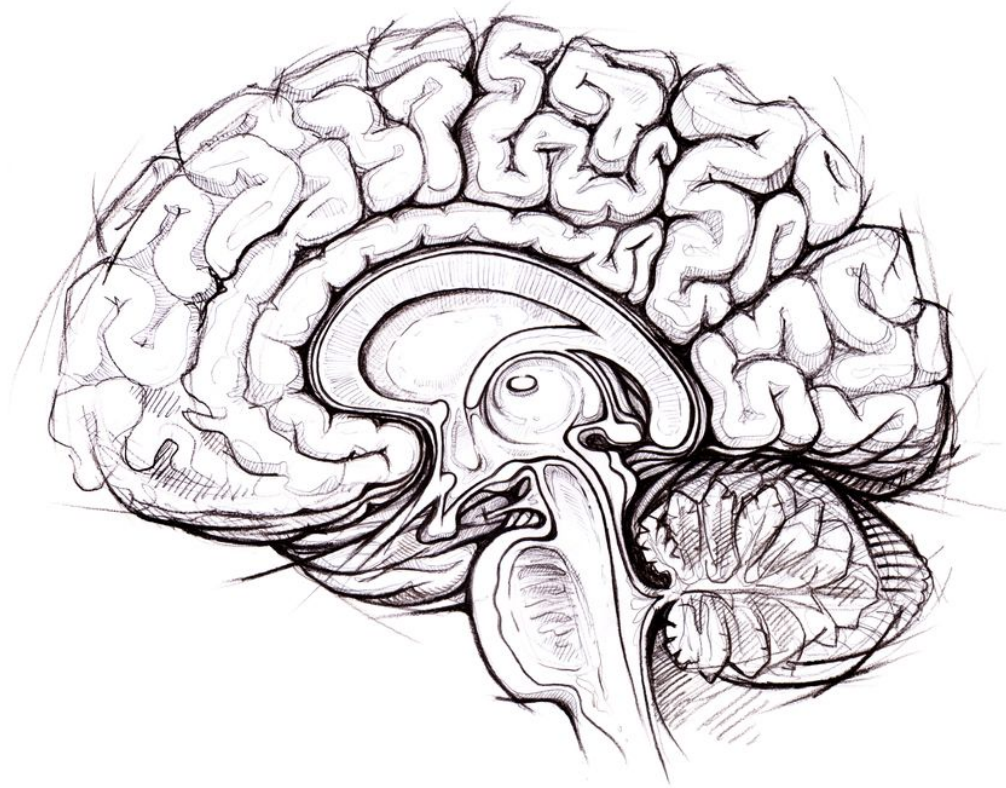


Which one of these questions is least likely to be asked during a teaching candidate interview?

- A. Do you know and can you teach the subject and age group you will be working with?
- B. **How much do you know about how the brain learns?**
- C. Do you like kids?
- D. Can you coach (what else can you contribute to the school)?



What one is thing NO student will ever forget to bring with them to each Colorado school day?



“The organ of learning”

What percentage of 12,000 teachers surveyed reported that they have had foundational training in how the brain learns best?

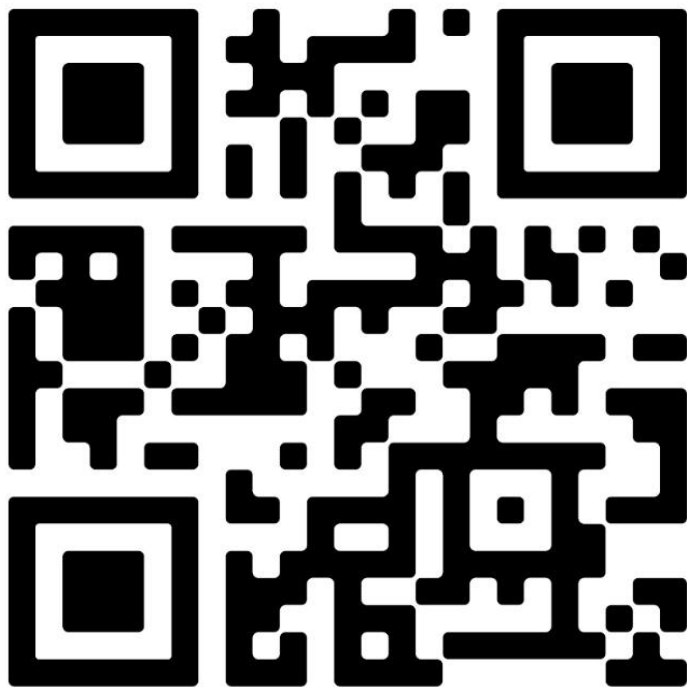
20%

40%

60%

80%

100%



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What's Your MBE-IQ?

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The **NeuroEducation Confidence Diagnostic** (NECD for short) is a free diagnostic tool for helping schools and districts gauge key elements related to teacher efficacy. Developed by the team at The Center for Transformative Teaching & Learning, the NECD measures an educator's influence, knowledge, and confidence around the science of teaching and learning. It's for **teachers** who want to identify gaps in their knowledge and confidence, as well as **school and district administrators** who want to get an overall picture of the organizational strengths and gaps in learning science knowledge and confidence in classroom practices. **The NECD measures the following areas:**

- How much change can teachers affect within the school
- Teacher's self reported knowledge of learning science and their confidence to apply it in the classroom
- Evaluation of learning science scientific concepts and their application

What does your school or district get from the CTTL when they complete the NECD? [Take a look at this fictional example from Springsteen Academy.](#)

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**I CAN CHANGE
MY BRAIN**



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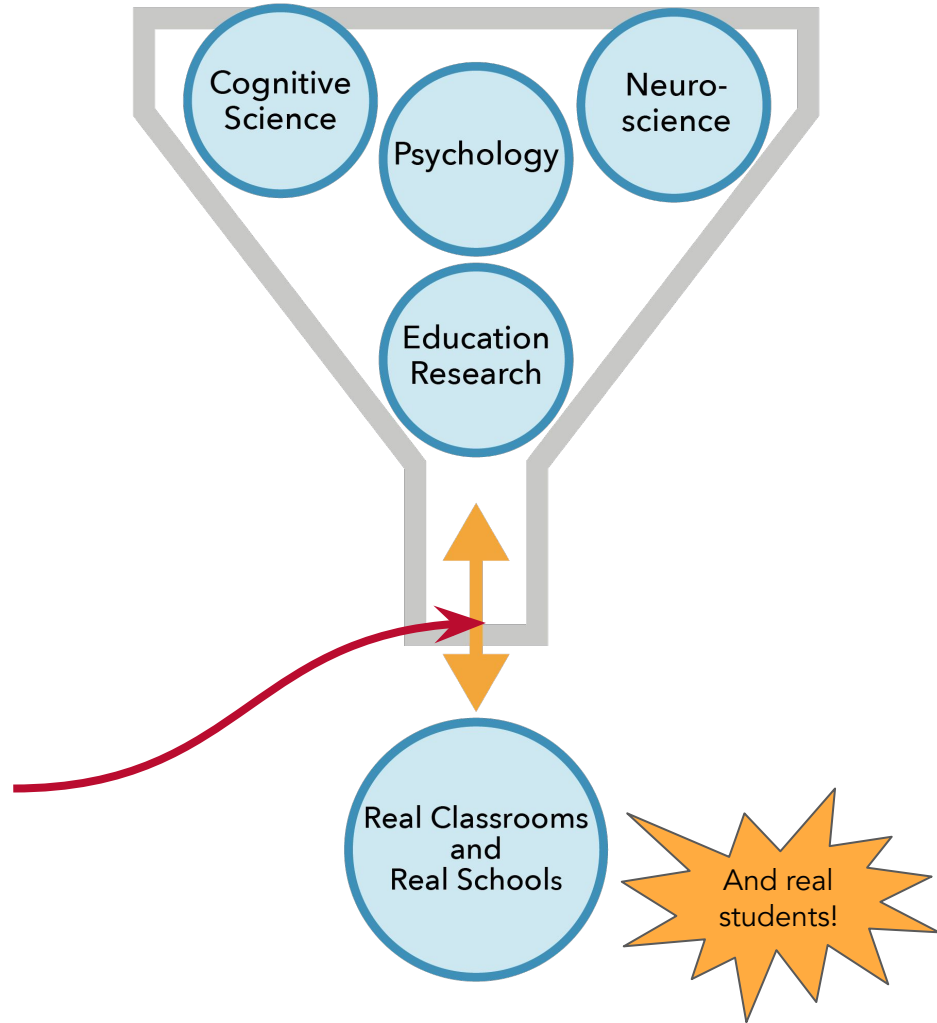
**I AM A BRAIN
CHANGER**



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What is Mind Brain Education?

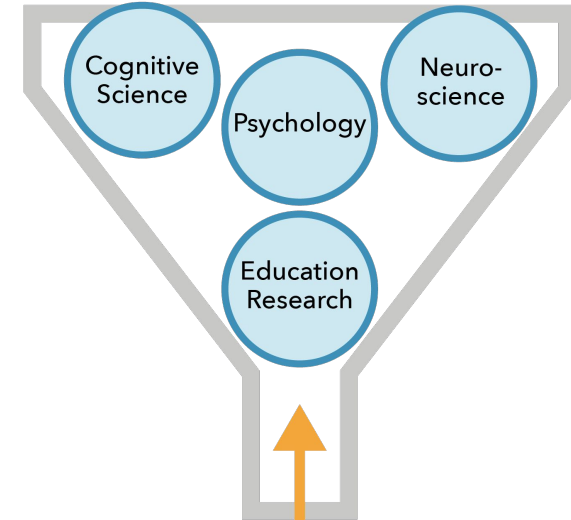
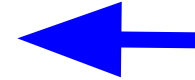
Transformation lies in the translation.



How can MBE inform, validate, and transform your instructional design and student learning?

Arts Integration
Assessment
Attention
Belonging
Constrained Choice
Cognitive Load
Daily Schedule
Disciplinary Literacy
Dual Coding
Emotion and Cognition
Engagement
Executive Functions
Feedback
Formative assessment
Homework
Knowledge Richness & Transfer
Literacy/Science of Reading
Memory

Metacognition
Mindsets
Motivation
Multiple modalities
Multitasking
Neuromyths (eliminate!)
Neuroplasticity
Novelty
Play
Project Based Learning
Self regulation
Sleep
Spaces where learning happens
Stress
Technology Use
Transfer
Well-being and Joy



Real Classrooms
and
Real Schools



Neuroscience in Education: A Bridge Too Far or One That Has Yet to Be Built: Introduction to the “Brain Goes to School”

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Abstract: There have been numerous detractors and supporters relating to attempts to merge the neurosciences and the knowledge base of related contributing disciplines with the field of education. Some have argued that this is a “bridge too far”. The predominant view is that the relationship between neuroscience and the classroom has been neither significantly examined, nor applied. What is needed is a specially trained class of professionals whose role it would be to guide the introduction of cognitive neuroscience into educational practice in a sensible and ethical manner. Neuroeducators would play a pivotal role in assessing the quality of evidence purporting to be relevant to education, assessing who is best placed to employ newly developed knowledge, as well as with what safeguards, in addition to investigating how to deal with unexpected consequences of implemented research findings. This special issue of the “The Brain Goes to School” aims to provide support for the development of training programs that truly integrate curriculum design and classroom instruction with the developmental cognitive neurosciences.

Keywords: developmental cognitive neuroscience; educational neuroscience; neuroeducation

Educational neuroscience is a promising area of study, which can collectively integrate the knowledge base found in developmental cognitive neuroscience, [1,2] cognitive science and cognitive neuroscience, [3], psychology, [4] educational theory, [5] human factors, [6] production management, [7,8] educational technology, [9] curriculum design, [10] and even architecture [11,12]. The penultimate aim is to develop basic and applied research that can support the development of practical applications for more effective instruction and learning.

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Several educational researchers have held that merging the knowledge base of developmental cognitive neuroscience with education is a “bridge too far” [16,17], and others have argued against such a view [18–21]. Nevertheless, a bridging discipline, such as educational or cognitive psychology [22,23], can provide a neuroscientific basis for educational practice. The predominant view, however, seems to be that the relationship between neuroscience and the classroom has neither been significantly examined nor applied [24–26].

In some way or another, the brain sciences ought to be able offer much for the learner, given the vast literature on the psychology of learning [27], neuroscience of learning [28], human factors and information processing [29], and developmental cognitive neuroscience [30]. Educational neuroscience has been “birthed” from the necessity to

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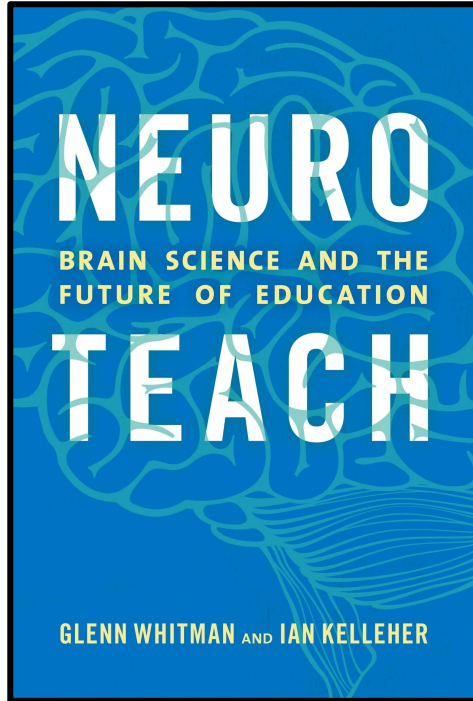
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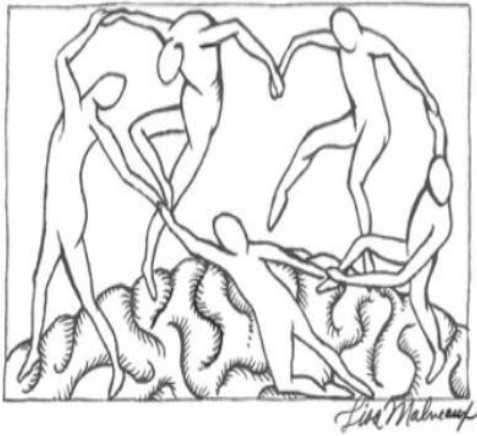
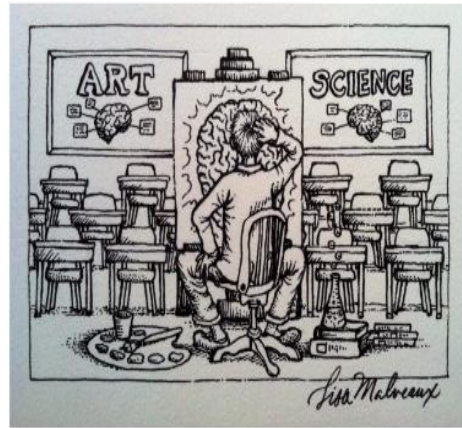
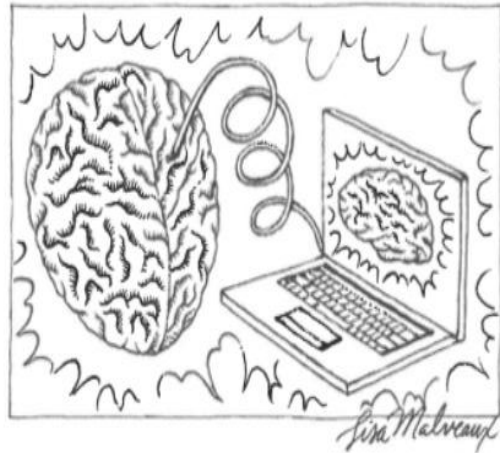
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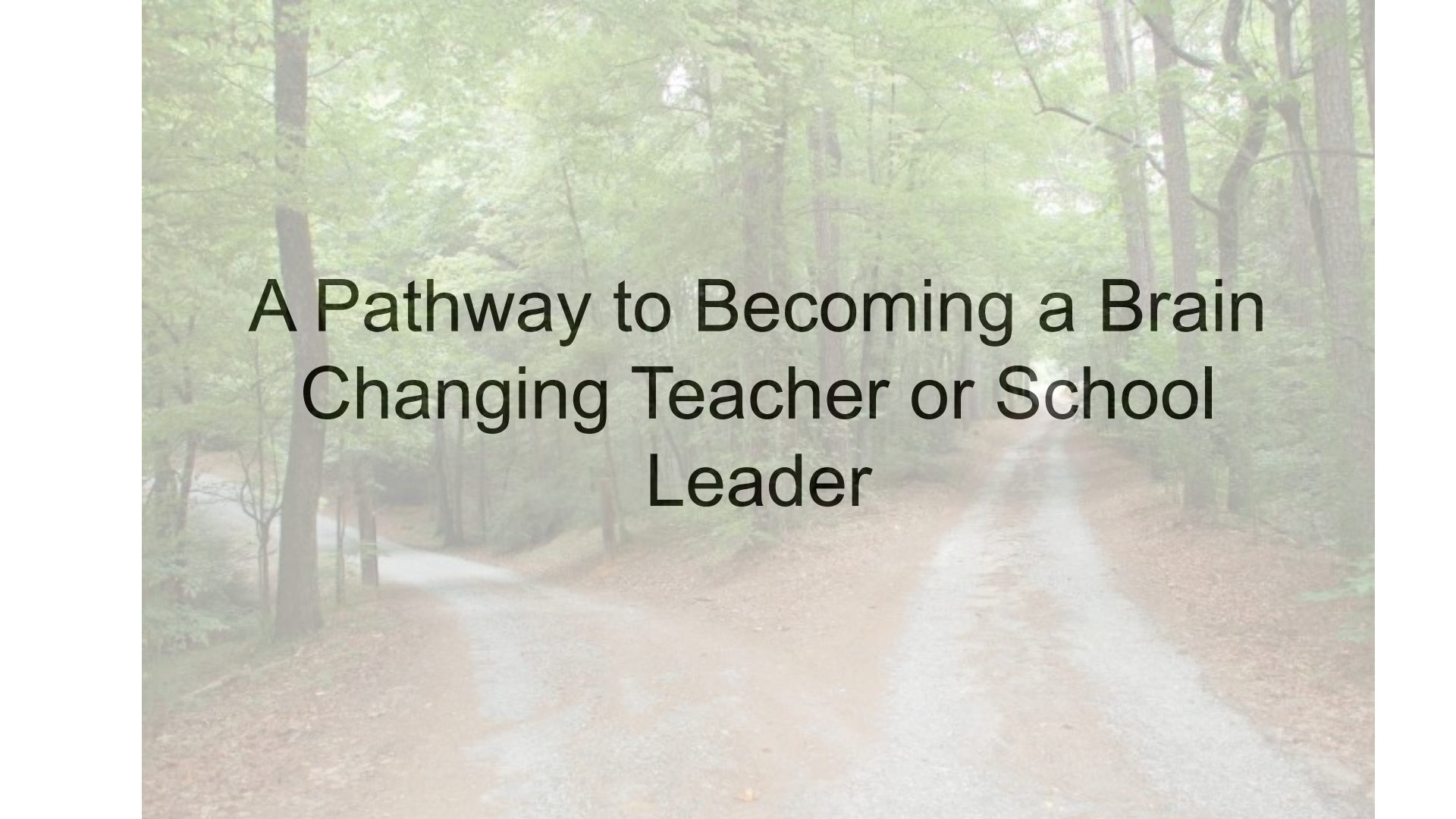


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A neuroteacher is one who intentionally applies research from the field of Mind, Brain, and Education (MBE) science to **inform, affirm, and transform** their instructional design and work with each individual student.

A**B****C****D****E****F**

A photograph of a gravel path in a forest. The path starts in the foreground and splits into two paths that lead into the distance. The trees are tall and thin, with green leaves. The ground is covered with brown leaves and gravel. The text is centered over the image.

A Pathway to Becoming a Brain Changing Teacher or School Leader

Brain Changing Deeper Dive



Develop your personal and school's "brain changing" word wall

“Having words about important concepts enables community members to talk about them, think together and agree on their meaning, interrogate them for deeper understanding and gain collective clarity around related action and impact.”

-Language for learning leadership
Stoll (2020)

Amygdala

Cognitive load

Corpus Callosum

Hippocampus

Limbic System

Myelination

Neuroplasticity

Neurotransmitters

Prefrontal cortex

Pruning

How many of these terms do you *currently* know, understand, and use to inform, your teaching and leadership?

1. The brain's communication bridge, connecting the left and right hemispheres to help with coordination, thinking, and problem-solving. _____
2. Relates to the amount of information that working memory can hold at one time.

3. The process that enables nerve cells to transmit information faster and allows for more complex brain processes. _____
4. The ability of the brain throughout life to form and reorganize synaptic connections, especially in response to learning and experiences. _____
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10. The brain's control center for focus, problem-solving, and self-regulation, still developing in students, which affects decision-making and impulse control.

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Neuroscience Vocabulary Applied

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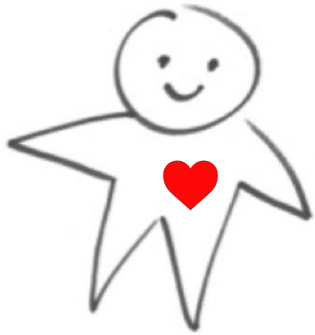
Neuroplasticity

I believe all students can and want to learn - and some might need different temporary scaffolds (and maybe extra opportunities) to meet the high bar I set for all students.

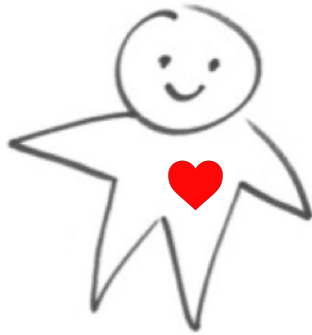
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Myelination

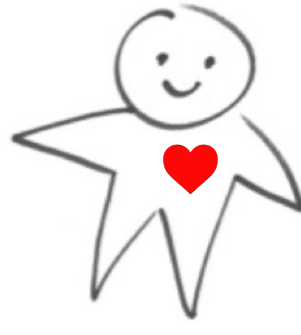
Increasing my integration of retrieval practice into my instructional design can promote myelination allowing students to access information more quickly and with greater accuracy in the future.



*Currently
surviving*



*Currently
“just fine”
and
“doing school”*



*Currently
thriving*

All students and
employees can learn

All students and
employees want to learn

Evidence-informed
practices can help
everyone meet their full
potential

Brain Changing Deeper Dive



Teach teachers,
students, and parents
about neuroplasticity

The human brain is "set"
at an early age.



TRUE



FALSE



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FALSE

Neuroplasticity exists throughout our life - our brain alters over time in reaction to our environment and experiences. It is never "set" as neurons are being formed, connected, and pruned, and thus our brain is able to learn all through our life.

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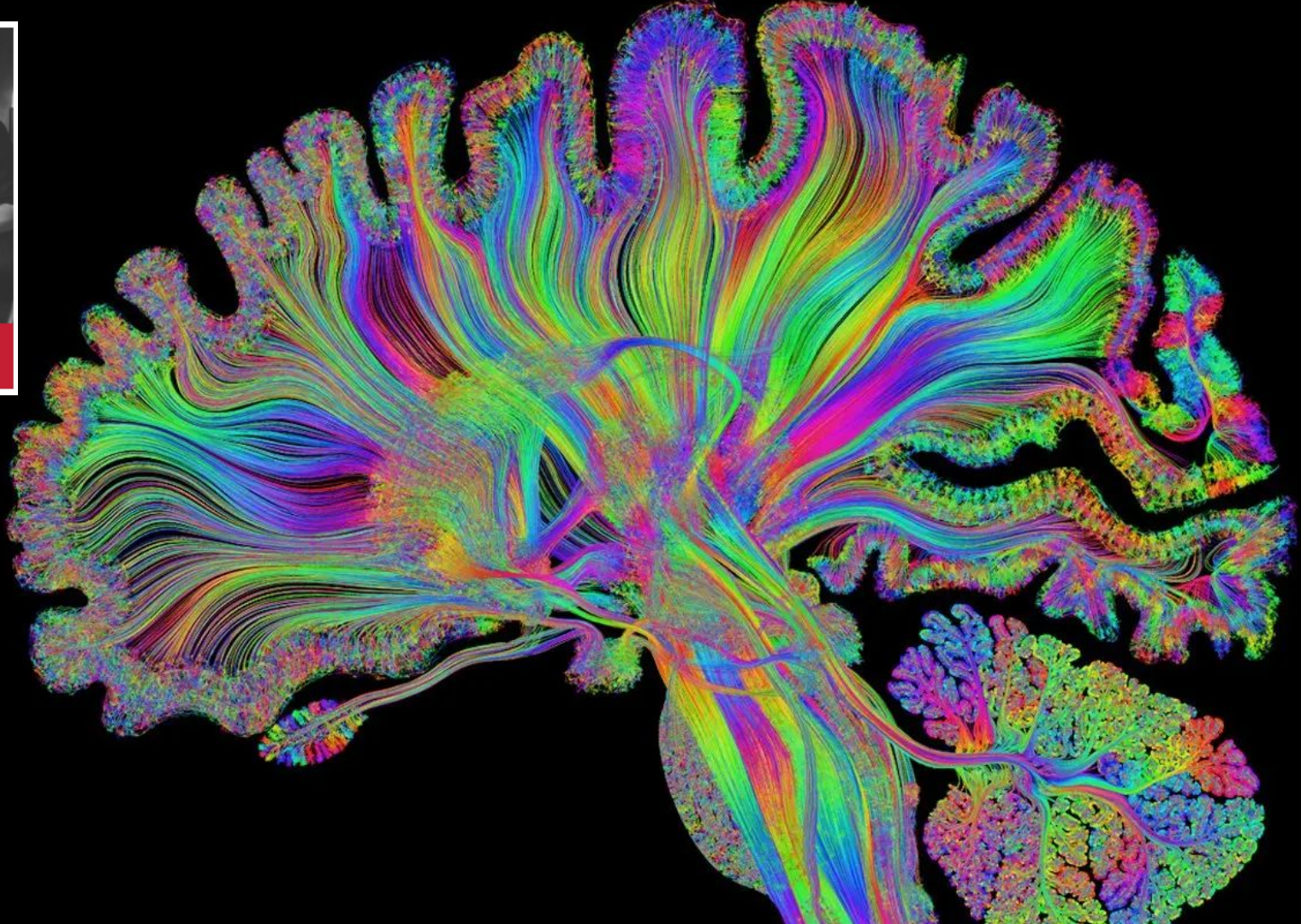
A Neuroscience Concept that All Teachers and School Leaders Must Know

Neuroplasticity:
The lifelong ability of the brain to change its organization as a result of experiences.





Greg Dunn



Synapse Density - see, think, wonder



at birth

at 6 years

at 14 years

**Synaptic
growth**

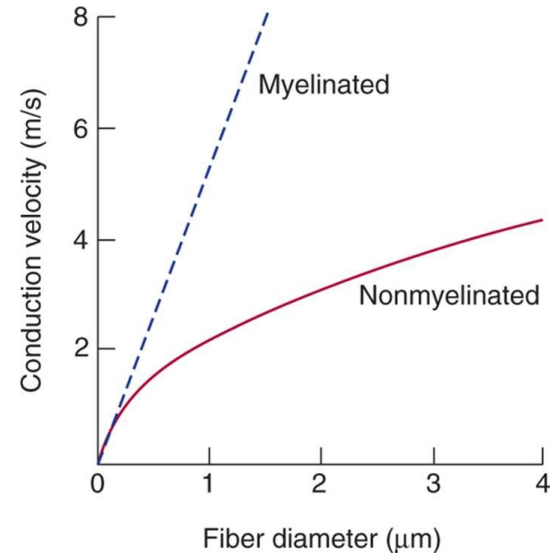
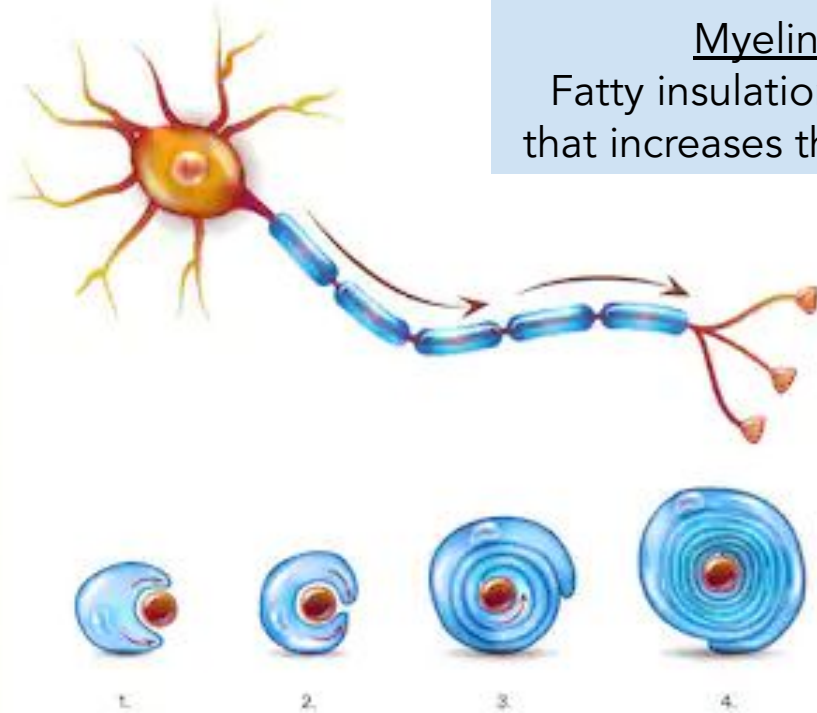
Pruning

Demystify learning with
neuroplasticity vs. growth mindset

Myelination insulates axons, making electrical signals

Myelin Sheath

Fatty insulation around axons that increases their signal speed





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THINK DIFFERENTLY AND DEEPLY VOLUME 5

The Transformational Classroom:
How Research in Educational Neuroscience
Enhances Teaching and Learning



The Power of Plasticity, the Impacts of Stress, and the Awesome Responsibility of Educators

DR. GREG DURN AND EVA SHULTIS

As a Biology teacher and Mind, Brain & Education research translator, discovering Dr. Greg Dunn's neuroscience artwork, felt like finding a Rosetta Stone of scientific communication. In a single blast of perception, his images convey a level of complexity that takes more than a thousand words to approximate. The opportunity to collaborate with him through The Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning (CTL) and share his art with the students and educators we work with is an honor and a delight. He actually created the first piece in this article, Myelination II, with educators in mind: we had a conversation about the foundational concept of neuroplasticity, in which I bemoaned the lack of images that do it justice. The next time we spoke, he had created one. The second image, Winding Paths to the Self, achieves his self-proclaimed goal of "hitting the viewer in the limbic system" (the emotional processing center of the brain) and is even more powerful if you understand the biological story it's telling. This article is inspired by and in conversation with Dr. Durn's two images and my attempt to tell the story they evoke for me, as well as the sense of purpose and self-authorship I draw from them as an educator and a human with a brain.

The Most Important Concept To Understand About Your Brain

The power of our brain lies in its neuroplasticity: its ability to change in response to experience. The brain is a living structure that continuously modifies itself, and any learning we do involves a physical change in its synaptic connections: the approximately 30 nanometer sized gaps between one neuron and the next, where neurotransmitter molecules such as serotonin, dopamine, or adrenaline carry the signal forward. Researchers estimate there are 86 billion neurons in the human brain, and each neuron can form a synaptic connection with 1,000 to 10,000 others, generating a level of complexity that's hard to wrap your mind around. This network of connections holds our memories, thought processes, and patterns of behavior. A single neuron is not intelligent on its own — rather, our intelligence emerges from the concerted action of circuits of billions of neurons, just as waves emerge from the movement of countless water molecules. Similarly, our personality and sense of identity emerge from the lifelong strengthening, weakening, and reconfiguring of the connections that make up our most-traveled neural pathways. In this way, the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. And just as you can't step in the same river twice, our

<https://www.thectl.org/think-differently-deeply/>



Empty Vessel Instruction

Why is this not learning and effective for brain changing?

What can make it better?

Memory is the
residue of
thought



**Learning
happens when
you think hard**

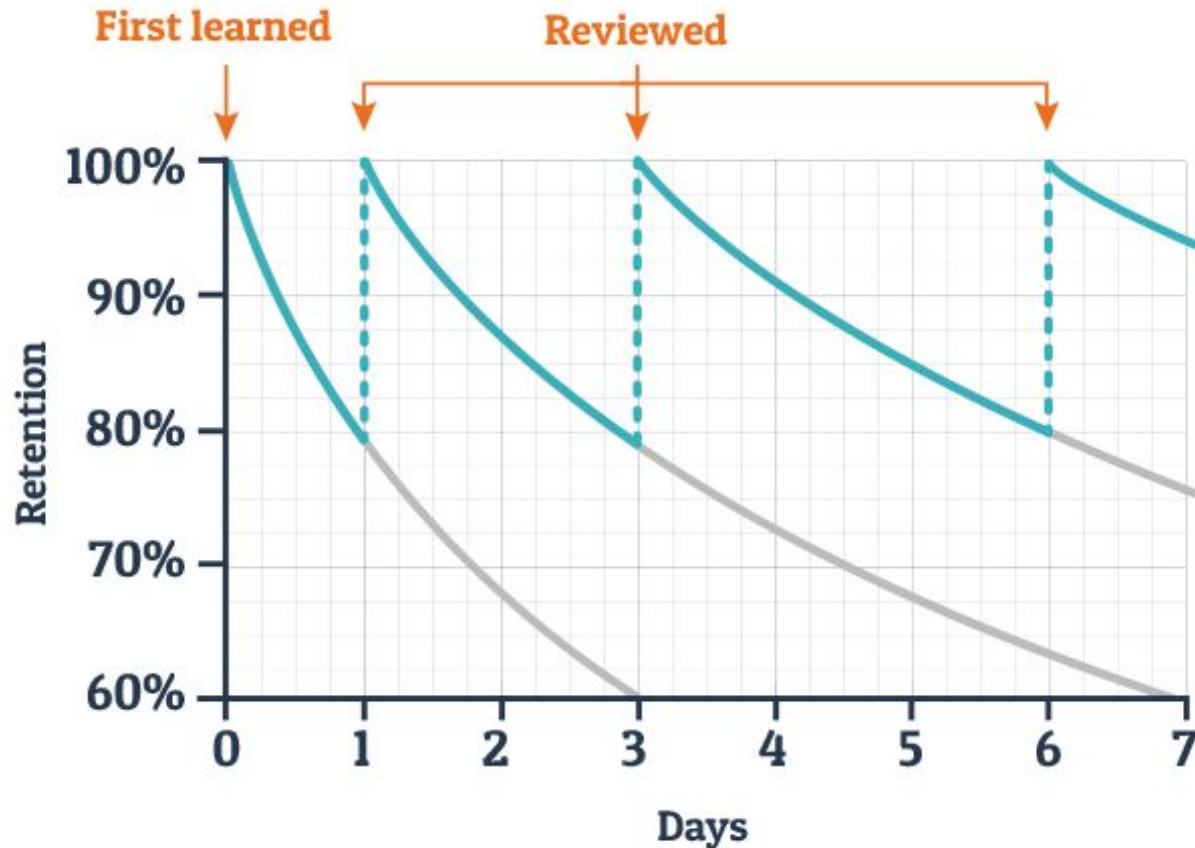


Neuroplasticity aligned and myelinating promoting teaching and learning strategies

(which do you already use?)

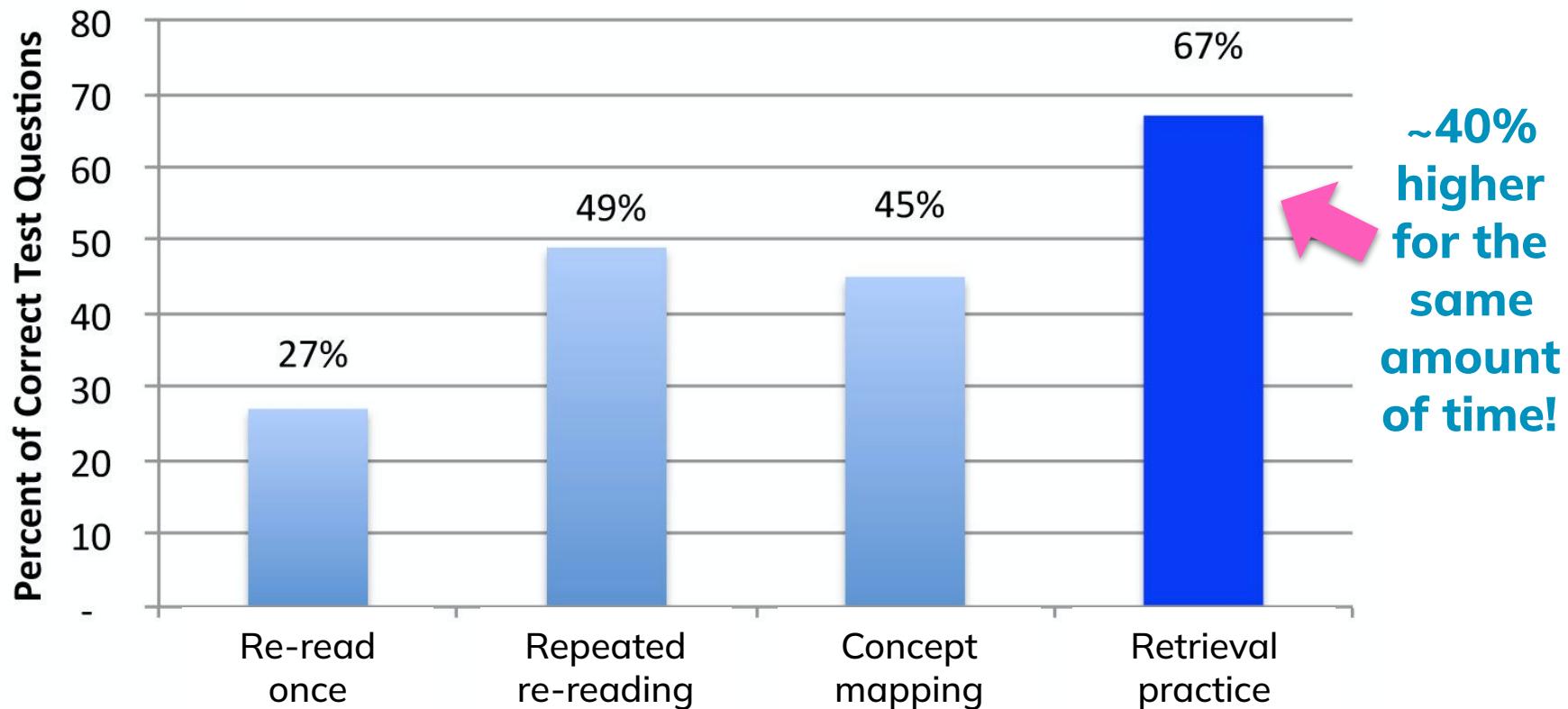
- Retrieval practice
- Metacognition and Visible Thinking Routines (Check out Project Zero)
- Using teacher “wise feedback” to improve as a learner
- Spaced and interleaved practice
- Elaboration and concept mapping
- Feeling a sense of academic and social belonging

Typical Forgetting Curve for Newly Learned Information



What do you see and wonder about when looking at this graphic?

Comparison of studying for the **same time** with different methods



Karpicke and Blunt, 2011

Let forgetting be your friend



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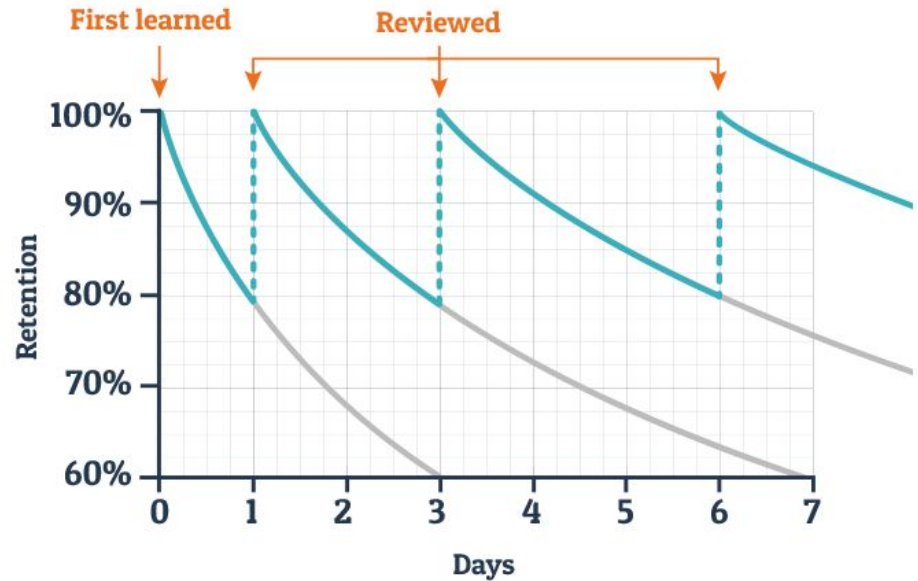
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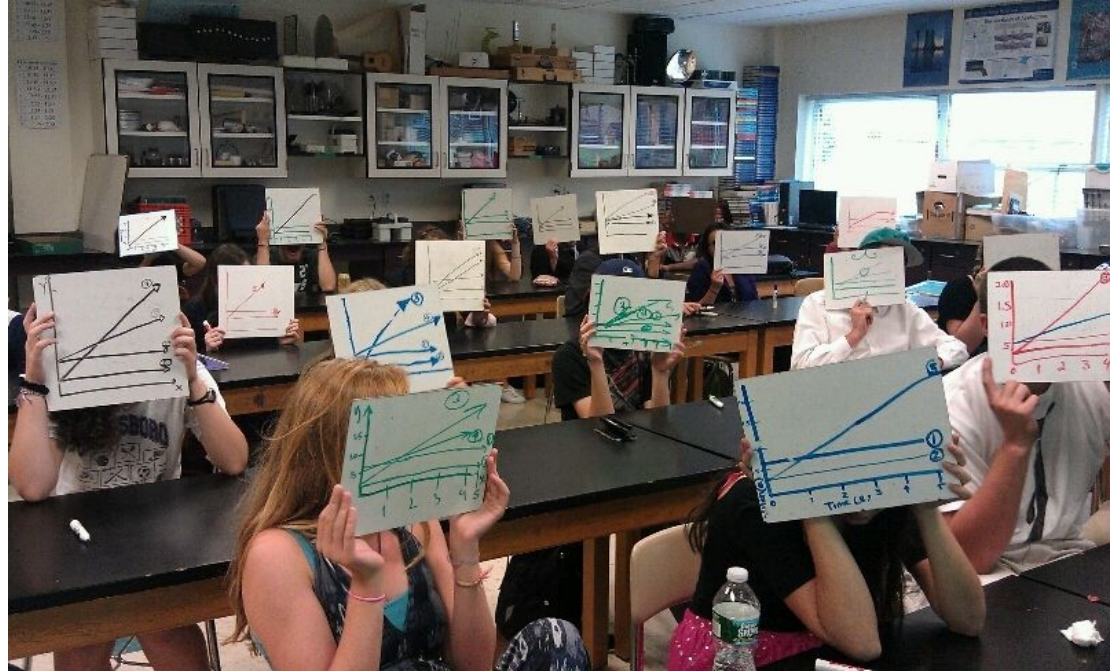


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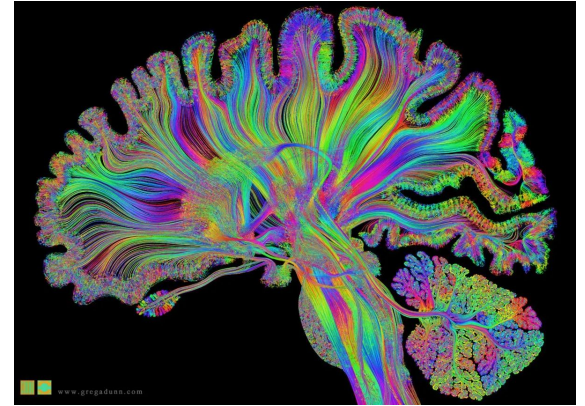
“All in” Low technology CFUs



Multiple modality and multiple sensory Instructional Design: Engages More Neural Pathways

The brain processes information through **multiple channels** (visual, auditory, kinesthetic, tactile).

When students engage in learning using more than one modality, they **activate more neural connections**, strengthening memory and comprehension (Mayer, 2009; Sousa, 2017).

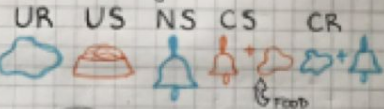


PAVLOV'S experiment

HIGHER-ORDER CONDITIONING

ex: a light flashes when bell which foreshadows food, triggering salivation

- UNCONDITIONED RESP. - natural, automatic reflex - salivating
- UNCONDITIONED STIM. - produces UR - food
- NEUTRAL STIMULUS - has nothing to do w/ experiment, bell
- CONDITIONED STIM. - associated w/ US; was NS; bell causes salivation
- CONDITIONED RESP. - salivation upon hearing bell



MODULE 27

Operant CONDITIONING

organisms associate own actions w/ consequences

~ Ed. Thorndike ~

Law of effect: rewarded behavior is likely to happen again

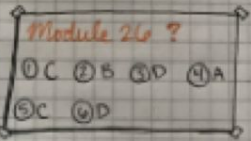
GOOD

- reinforcement - strengthens + increases behavior
- shaping - guiding behavior towards desired behavior; like acquisition
- discriminative stimulus - thing you have to do to get rewards

REWARD

IMPORTANT VOCAB FOR PAVLOV'S

- acquisition - learning process; continual pairing of NS w/ US
- extinction - taking away US to uncond. than the subject; ceasing pairing of CS/CR
- spontaneous recovery - reappearance of CS after a pause; don't have to restart acquisition
- generalization - response to "close enough" stimulus; ex: ringing dinner fork instead of bell
- discrimination - CR coming to specific CS; ex: being afraid of only big dogs



B.F. Skinner

Skinner Box - operant chamber; reward is always food



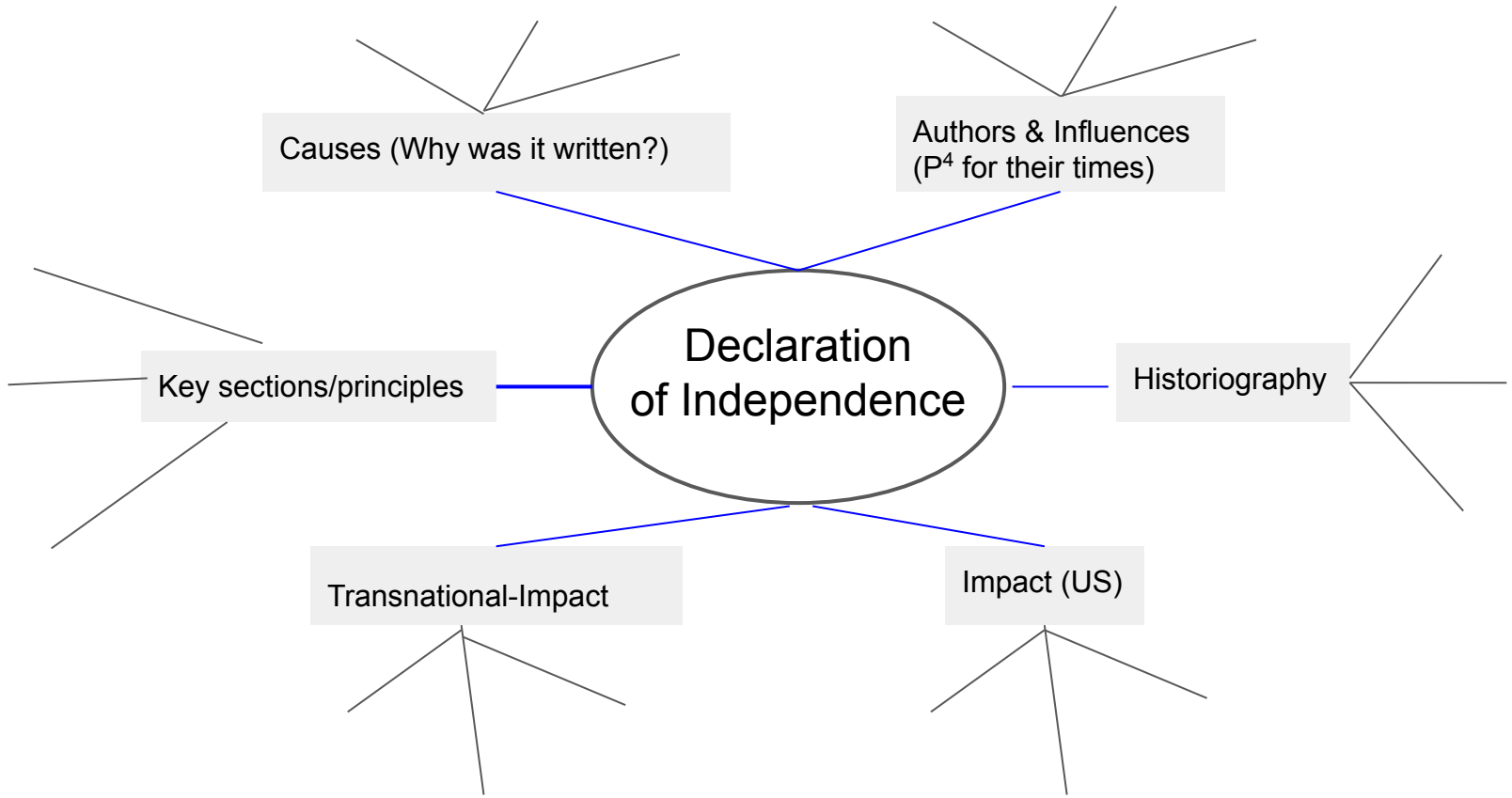
experiment w/ pigeons + rats

- positive reinforcement - something is given (+) to increase behavior; adds something likeable
- negative reinforcement - takes away something you don't like; example, putting on car's air filter when car is beeping @ you

MULTIPLE MODALITY NOTE TAKING

"One day into dual coding"

From the blog, *The Effortful Educator: Applying Cognitive Psychology to the Classroom*



Causes (Why was it written?)

Authors & Influences
(P⁴ for their times)

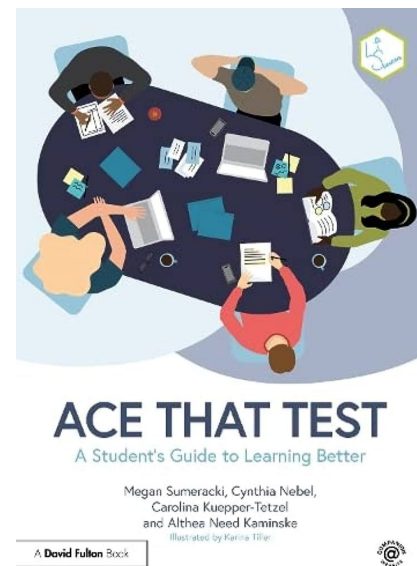
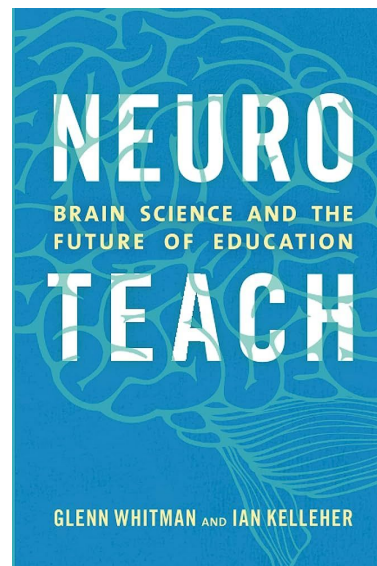
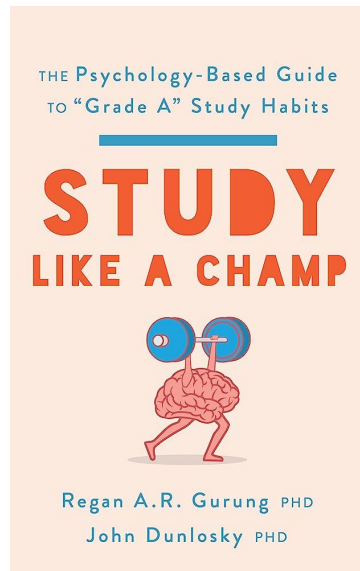
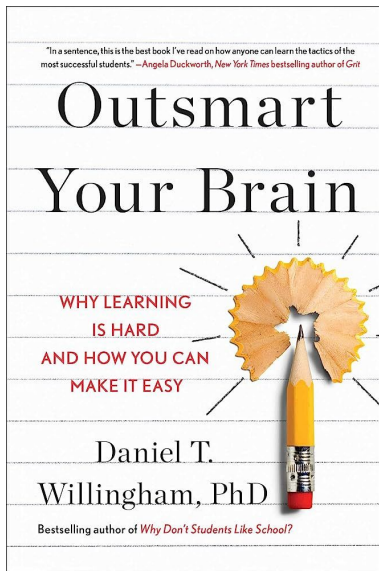
Key sections/principles

Historiography

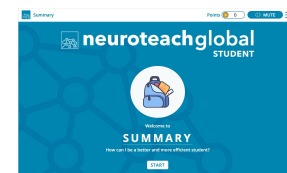
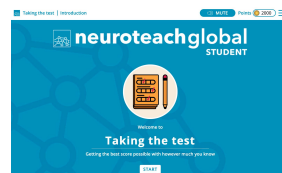
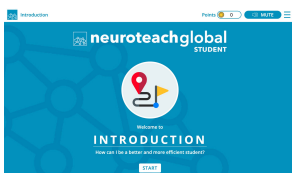
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Brain Changing Deeper Dive



Belonging as a
Condition for
Learning, Growth,
Development and
Achievement

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TRUE



FALSE



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TRUE

Emotion uses many of the same areas of the brain that learning uses. When a student is learning, emotion and cognition are operating seamlessly in the brain. Learning is improved when teachers consider each student's emotional needs.



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What is Belonging?

Belonging defined

“A universal human need that is fundamentally linked to learning and well-being. It describes an individual’s experience of feeling that they are, or are likely to be, accepted and respected as a valued contributor in a specific environment. When students experience a sense of belonging in a learning environment, there are both immediate and long-term positive consequences for their academic performance and well-being.”

Healey & Stroman, 2021

This should not surprise us

We used to believe that we were thinking beings who feel. We now know that **we are feeling beings who think.**

paraphrasing celebrated USC neuroscientist,
António Damásio

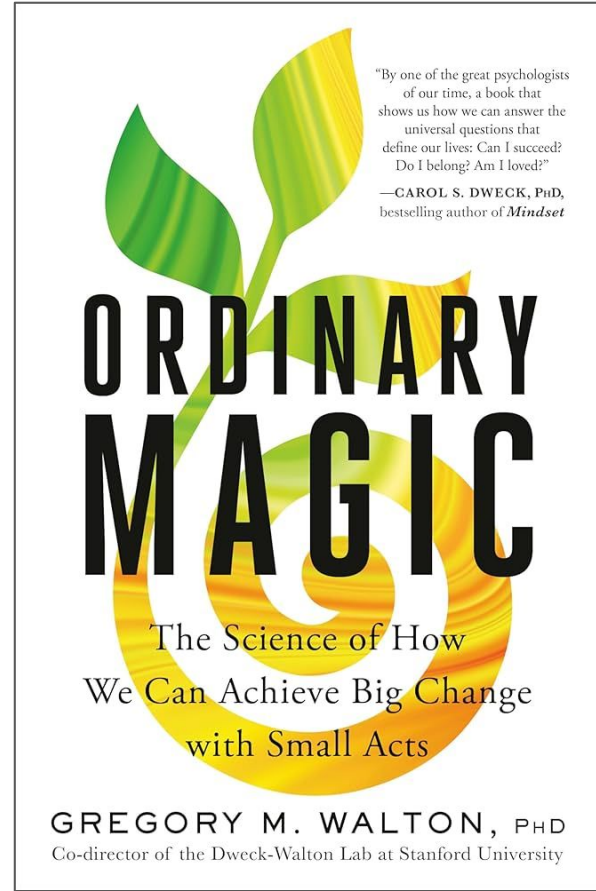


Every child needs at least one teacher who has an **irrational** belief in them.

Paraphrasing Urie Bronfenbrenner, psychologist and co-founder of Head Start

Gregory Walton Ph.D.

Michael Forman University Fellow and
Professor of Psychology at Stanford University



The Belonging Braid: Social Belonging & Academic Belonging are Interwoven

Social Identity

includes:

Race & Ethnicity

Gender

Age

Sexuality

Language

Socioeconomic Status

Religion

Family Structure

Ability

Neurodiversity

Curriculum & Pedagogy

Academic Identity

includes:

Neurodiversity

Effective Learning Strategies

Self Efficacy

Sense of Purpose & Relevance

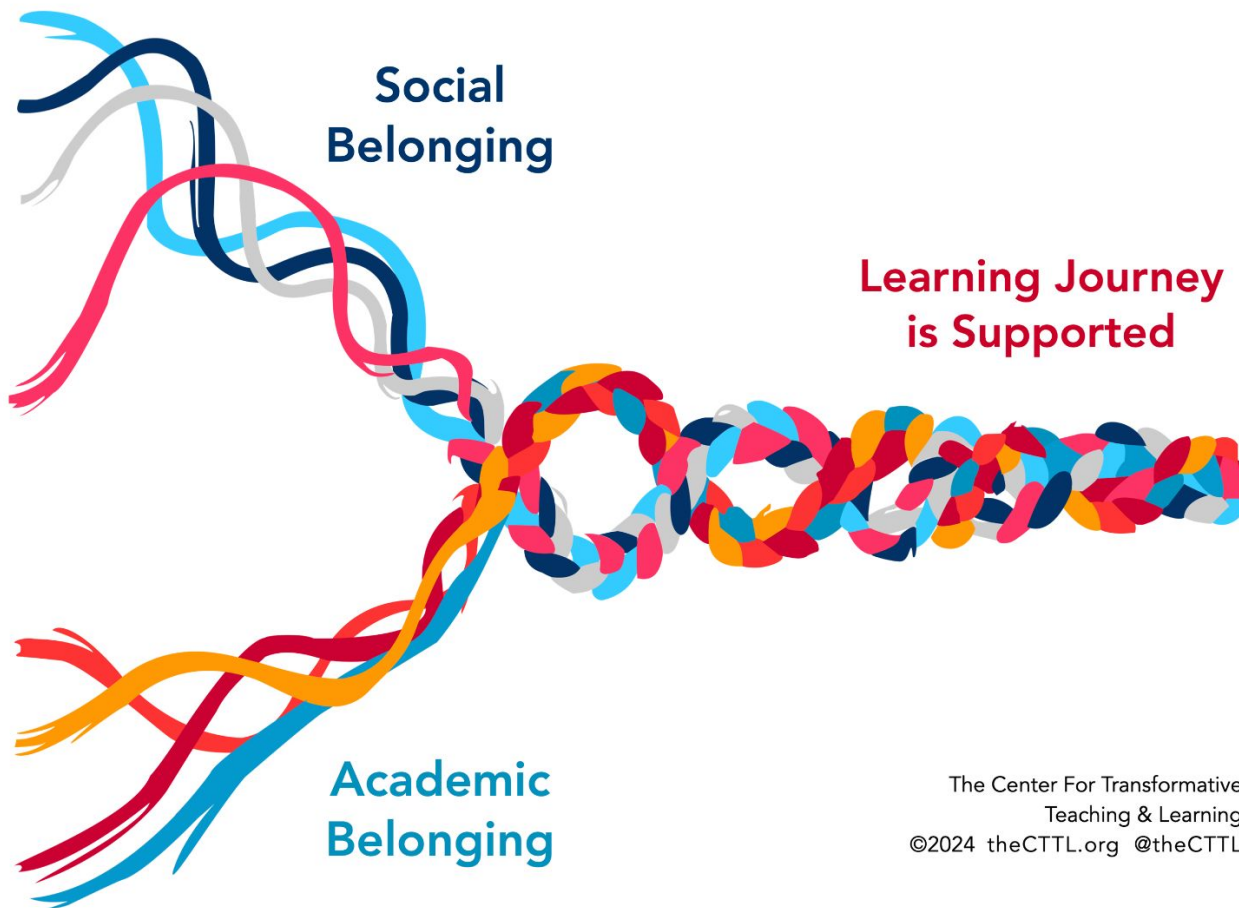
Motivation

Feedback (receiver & giver)

Creativity

Voice

Curriculum & Pedagogy



Learning Journey
is Supported

Academic
Belonging

What do you think of this?

"Really"
Max Specifier
Superhero
You is my planning period. *4th period Tidyman*

I never ~~was~~ thought about what I wanted to be when I grow up. Everything ~~was~~ seemed boring to me other than something like entertainment jobs. *Such as?* It's funny that everyone dreams of being something spectacular like a star basketball player, a famous singer, or anyone famous, for that matter, but never end up being anything like that. Maybe its setting the bar a little high, but after I went to the career fair everything changed. *what did?* For the better. *And what, specifically you outside on your hotline. @ next, changed your perspective.*

I don't know specifically what I want to be, but I'm leaning towards some sort of engineer. I want to build stuff that changes people's life. *what is?* Changing other human beings *what is?* life by creating things that fix all of their needs or problems. To me it is like being some sort of superhero. A superhero would be a great career if you ask me. *It's really so cool as superhero in almost the career fair.*

why? I better start working in my math and science classes. Next year I'm going to try to take an engineering class. *why?* En order to accomplish *what?*

To figure out what kind of superhero I want to be I will have to do some research for which kind sounds the most interesting to me, which one gets a good salary, etc. To be honest I have no idea what kind of engineers I could even be. I'm interested to see what kind of engineer I choose to be. I will have a lot of time before I make that decision so I will figure it out when I get there. *What did you learn @ the Career fair?*

LIES
I feel like the career fair ~~really~~ did help me out on figuring out my future. There were a lot of different carriers and companies there but the engineering stuff was the best to me. *No contact* Over all the carrier fair was amazing and I'm ~~so~~ glad that I got the opportunity to participate in it. *No one cover.*

Your career fair eng is almost 0% Career fair.

What do students need to make feedback useful?

- Emotionally, I take the feedback well
- The feedback is timely
- It's the right amount – not too much
- I can understand the feedback
- I know what my next step is
- I have a chance to use the feedback
- My teacher believes I can improve as a learner

"You made a strong effort explaining the causes of the Civil War! Let's build on that by making your argument even clearer with more specific evidence. Keep going—you're on the right track!"

"This is confusing and doesn't make sense. You need to redo it."

Students receive the feedback well, emotionally

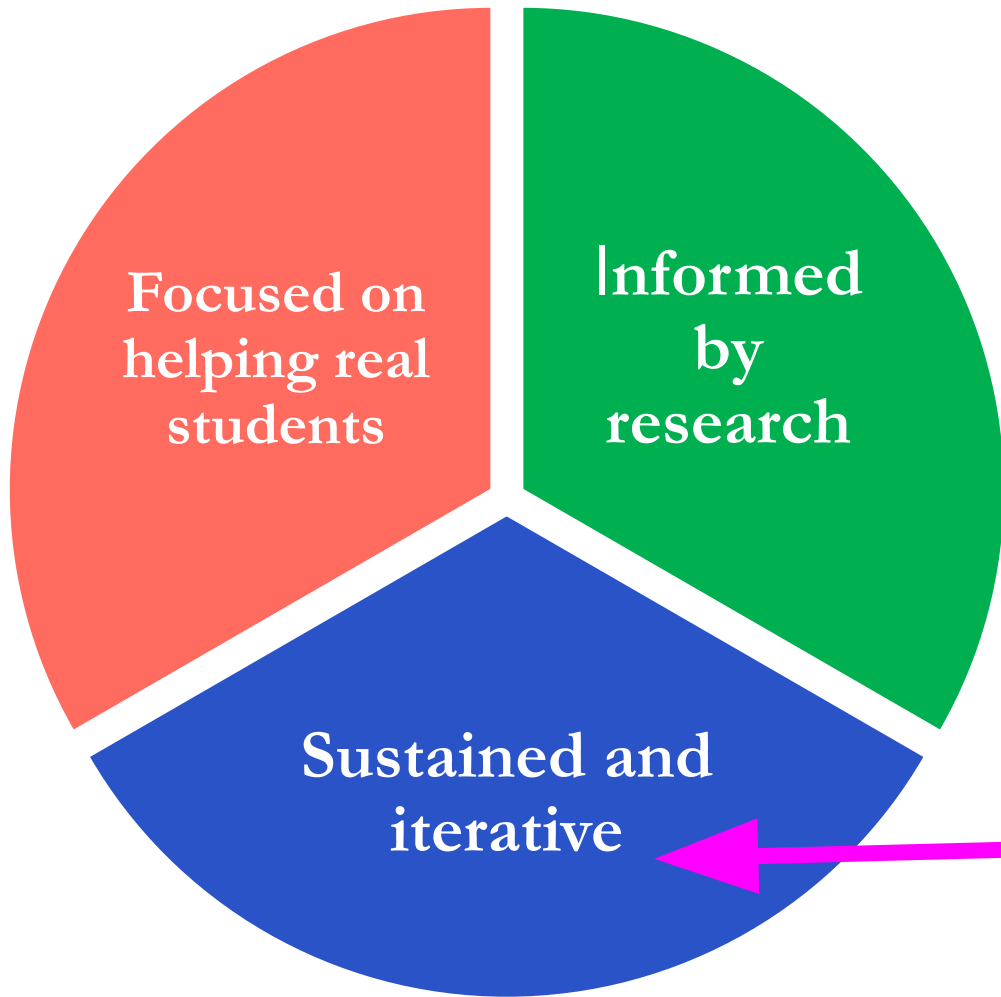
You mention 'taxes' as a cause of the American Revolution. Try naming a specific tax, like the Stamp Act, to make your point stronger."

"Your argument lacks coherence and is insufficiently supported by primary sources."

Before this session I used to think

but now, after this session, I am thinking





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I wouldn't define myself that way. However, I am thoughtful about physical space, since a well-designed classroom...

Correct

Many teachers have a set-up mindset that is passive and continues a trend based on inertia, momentum, and tradition. Others look at their classroom as a place to decorate. These decorations are rarely influenced by research and instead can have an adverse effect on student achievement as the decorations become a distraction to students. Instead of decorating, teachers should aim to design their classrooms to improve educational outcomes.

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Welcome to INTRODUCTION

How can I be a better and more efficient student?

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A game to help families discover more about learning and the brain.

Introduction to the DIME

Design, Inspire, Make, Evaluate

empathy innovation

inspiration for a better future

prototype research

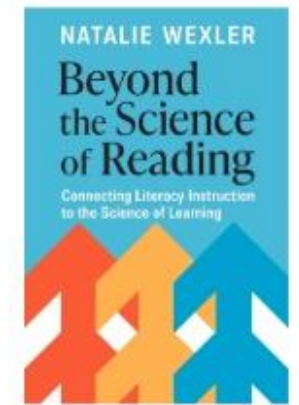
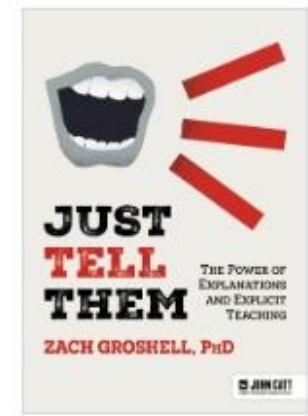
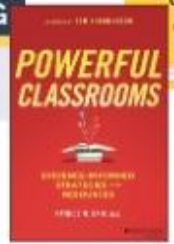
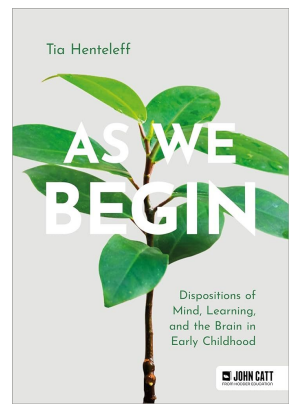
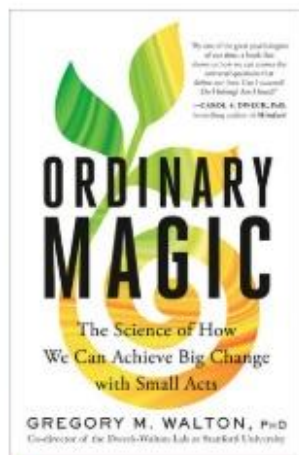
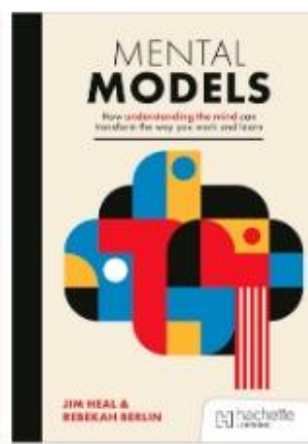
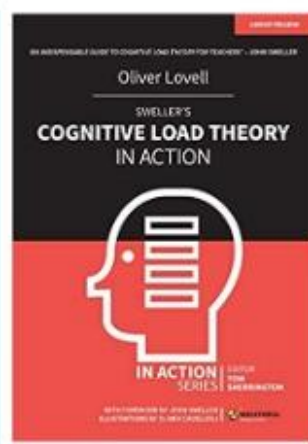
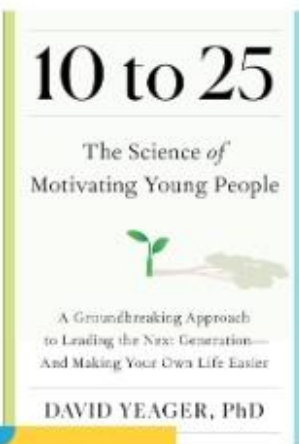
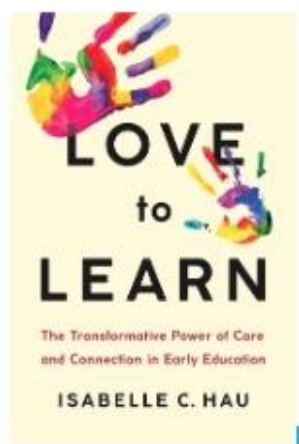
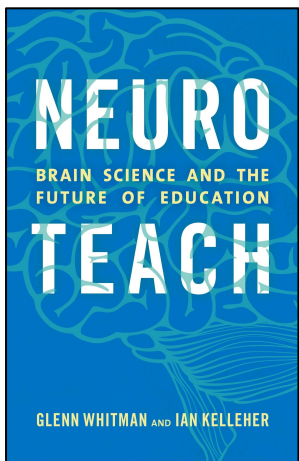
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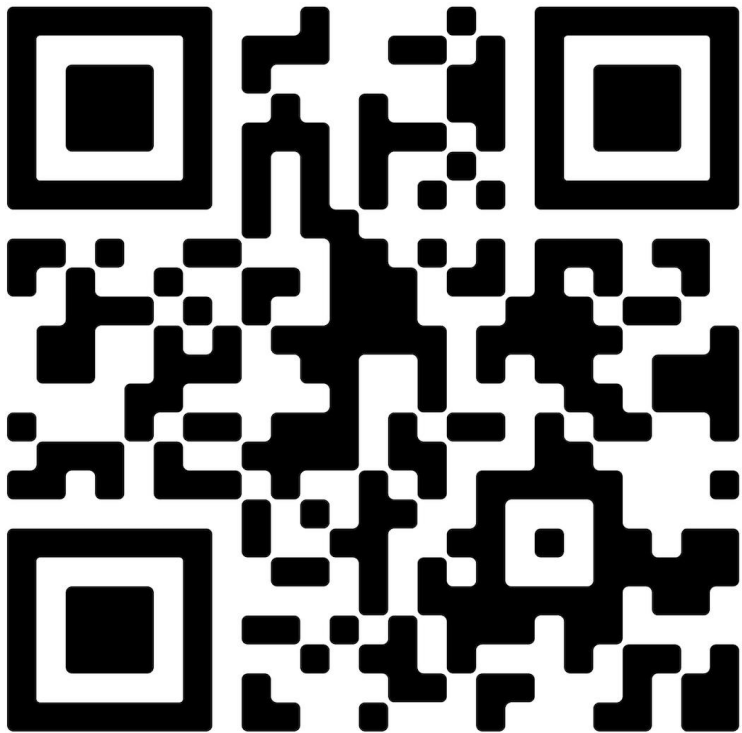
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