

AUTHENTIC LEARNING AND TEACHING

Authentic Components

What Students
Are Doing...

What Teachers Are Supporting...

Construction of Knowledge

synthesizing generalizing explaining analyzing

- higher order thinking
- manipulation of information and ideas
- construction of new meaning or understanding

Disciplined Inquiry

making distinctions
raising questions
hypothesizing
reasoning
debating
supporting

Substantive Conversation

- sustained conversation
- discipline based academic chatter
- sharing of ideas
- dialogue builds coherently on participants' ideas
- working towards collective understanding

Meaningful Questions

- organized by essential questions
- complex understating using reasoning and support
- sustained focus on single topic
- understanding of the problematic nature of some ideas/concepts

Real-World Connections

communicating
advocating
applying ideas
assisting
performing
creating

- connection to actual situations or experiences
- exploring in a way to allow personal meaning and significance
- real-world applications

Student-Centered Learning

developing choosing justifying generating evaluating

- student ownership
- focus on personal experience
- support use of prior knowledge
- shared control
- allowing & encouraging autonomy