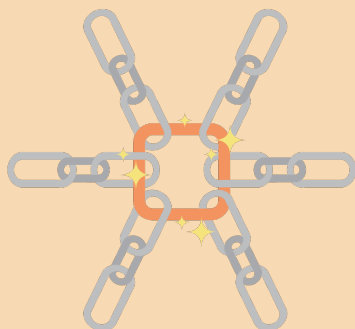


INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES



MVP: Most Valuable Point

This critical thinking strategy is designed to have students determine what is the most valuable and important piece of information or data.

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Summary

Students are provided with a set of data, information, or article and asked to think critically to discover what is the most important point. This point will be something crucial to the understanding of the data, information, or article. Without it, the information cannot be conveyed correctly.

Procedure

1. Decide if students should work in groups or individually.
2. Give students an article, content information, or set of data to analyze.
3. Ask them to consider what piece of information impacts all of the rest or tells the most important part of the story.
4. Allow students to interact and reflect on the information. For example, if given a data set, encourage them to find trends, patterns, or measures of central tendency to better understand the information before making a decision.
5. Have students report this as their MVP and defend their answers by explaining their reasoning.