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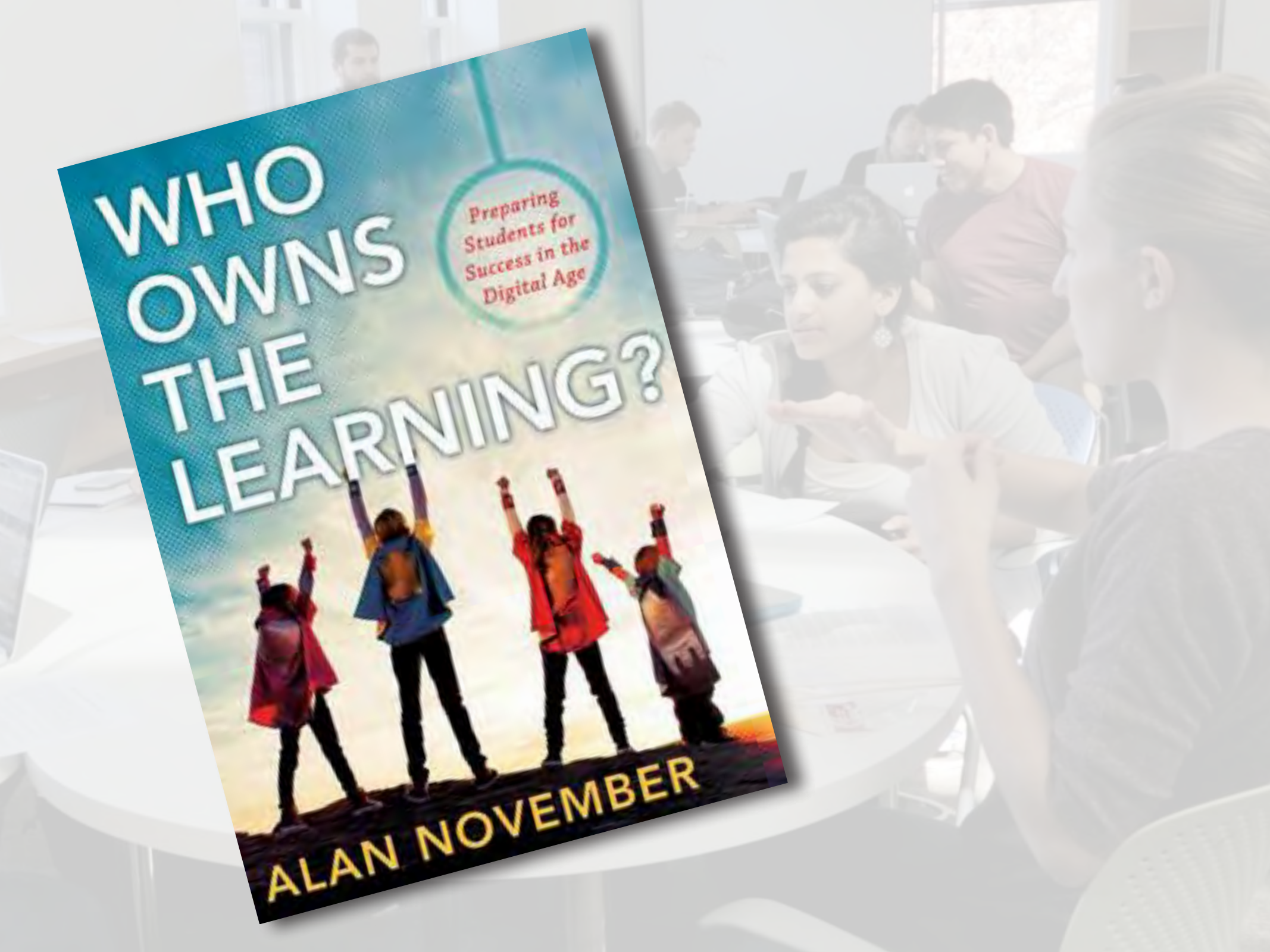
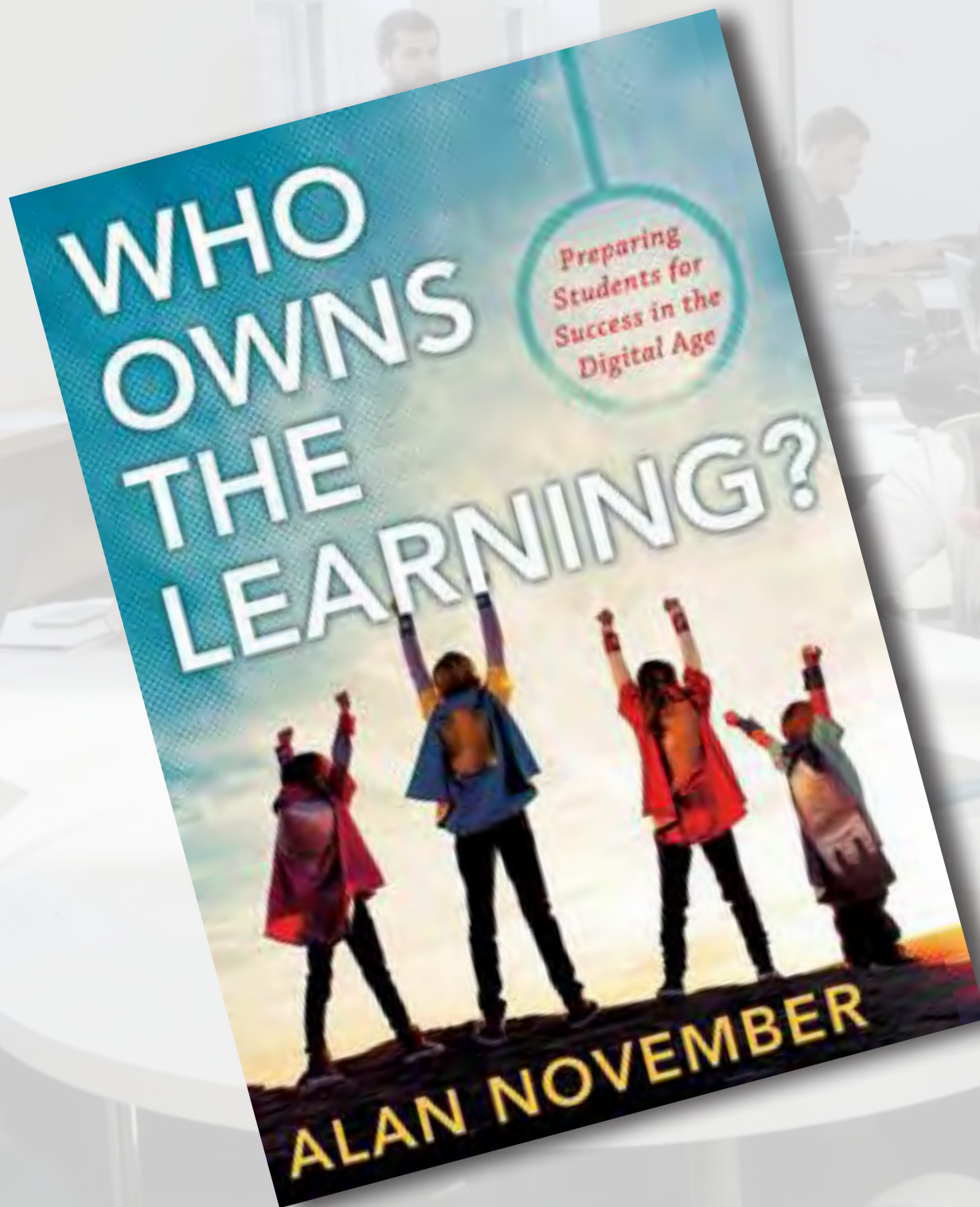


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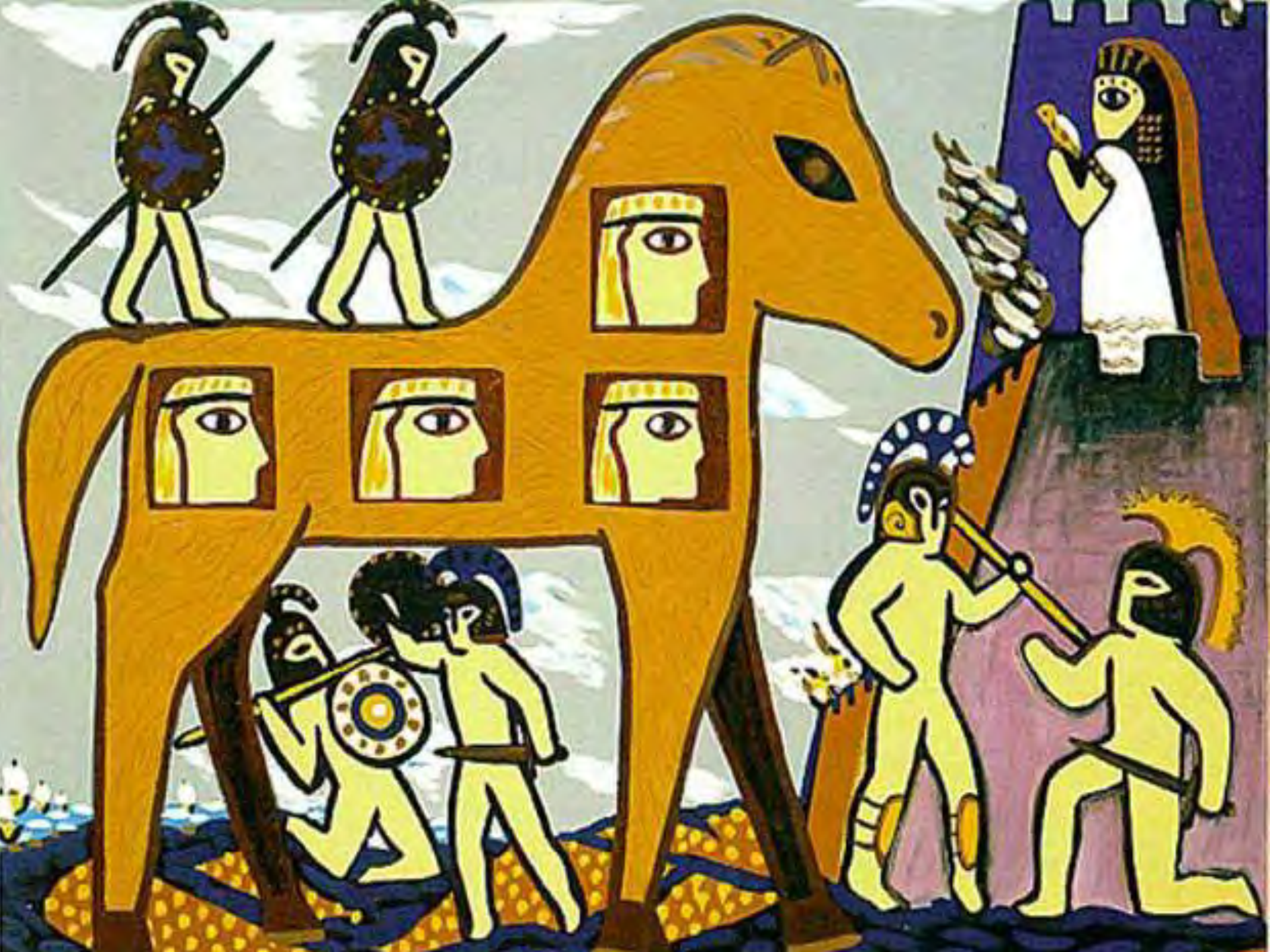






**Ownership of learning *physics*?**









**team & project-based approach**























The background is a painting of a face, focusing on the eyes. The eyes are large, with thick, dark, expressive brushstrokes around them. The face is rendered in a style that suggests a classical or expressionist influence. The colors are muted, with a lot of grey and blue tones. The text 'an illusion...' is written in a bold, red, serif font, centered over the face. The text is slightly transparent, allowing the underlying painting to be seen through it. The overall composition is centered and balanced.

**an illusion. . .**



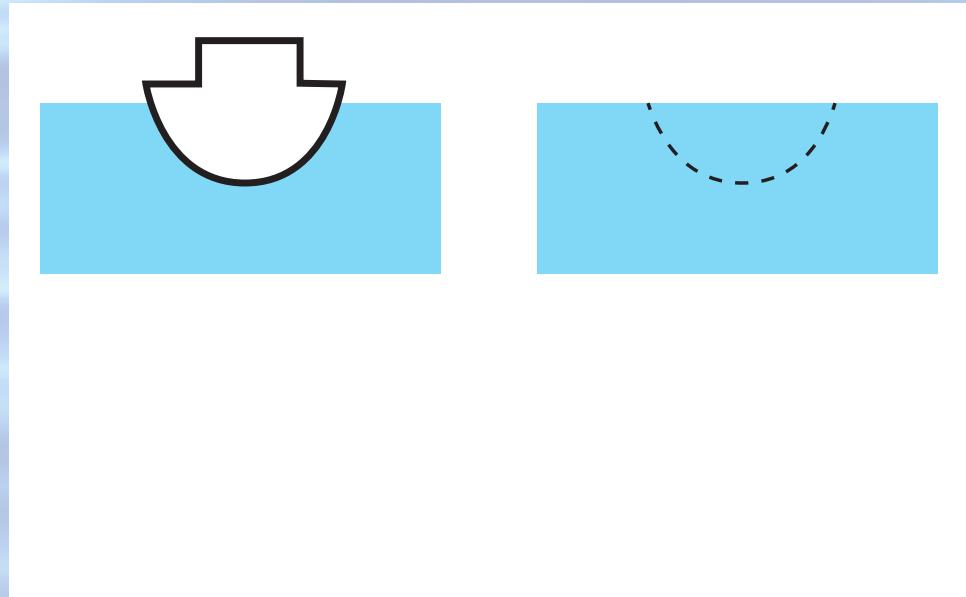
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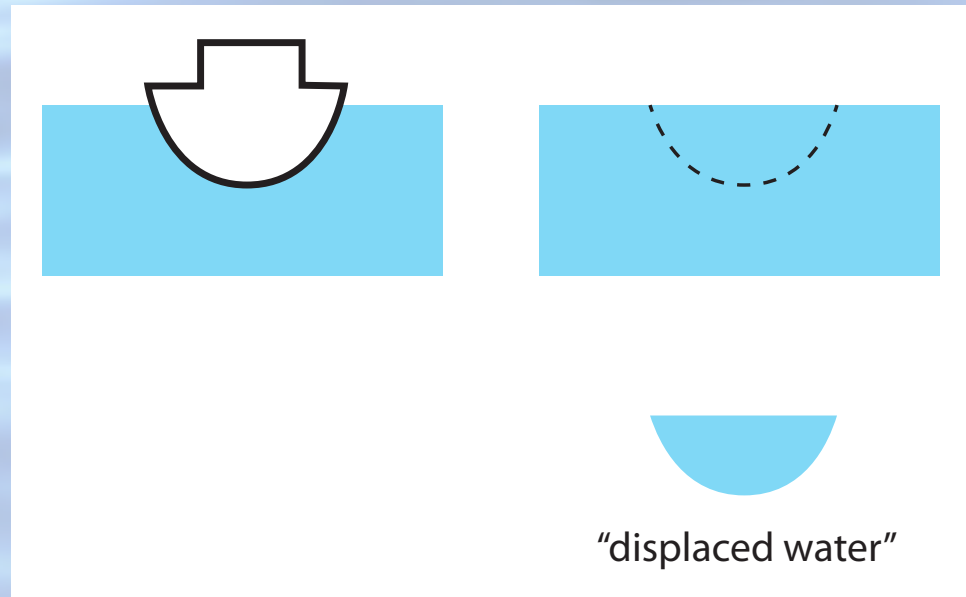
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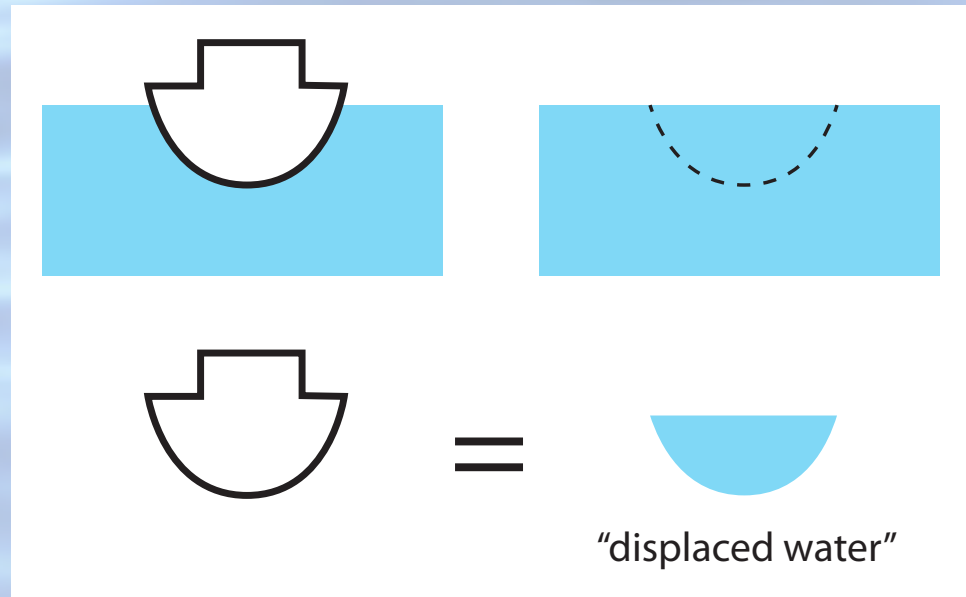
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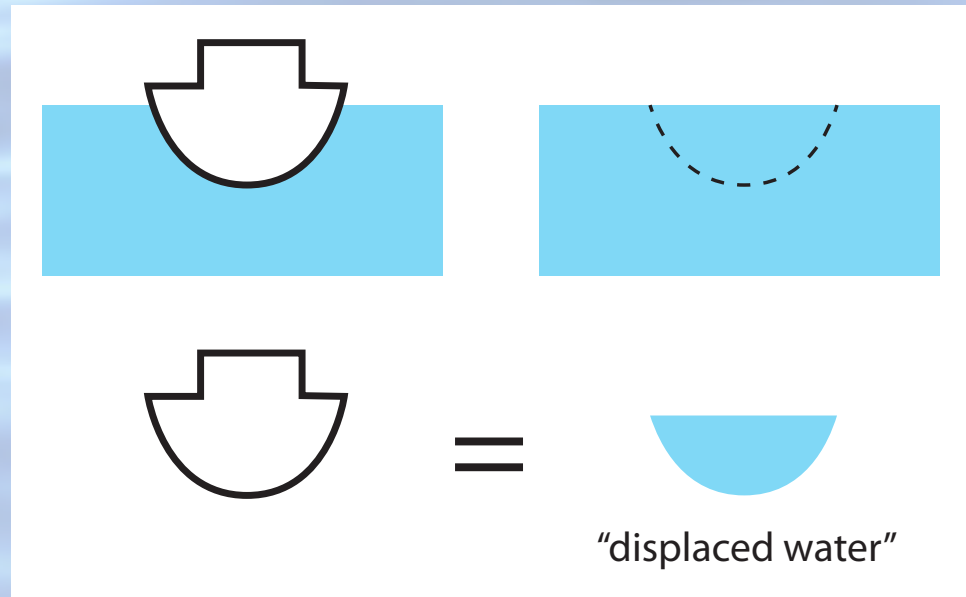
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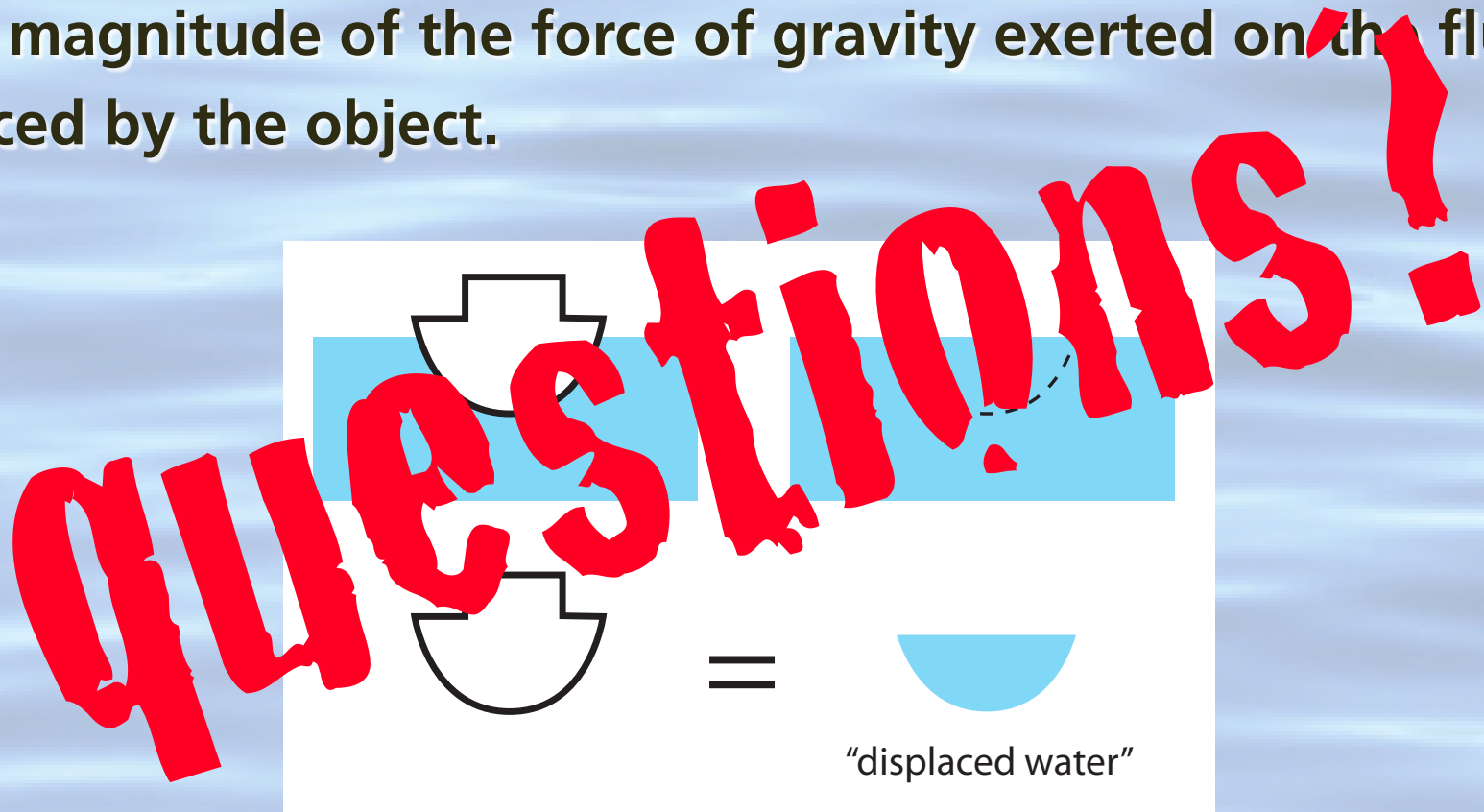
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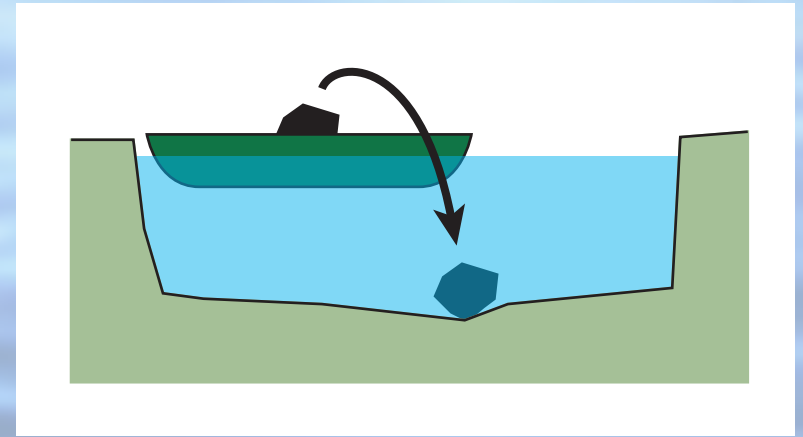
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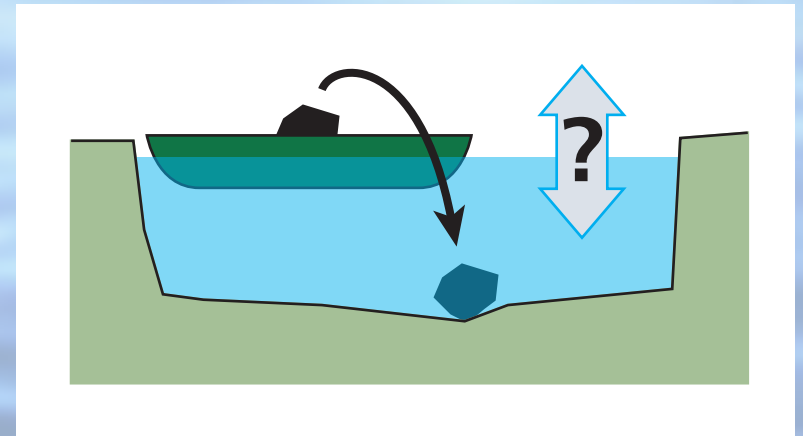
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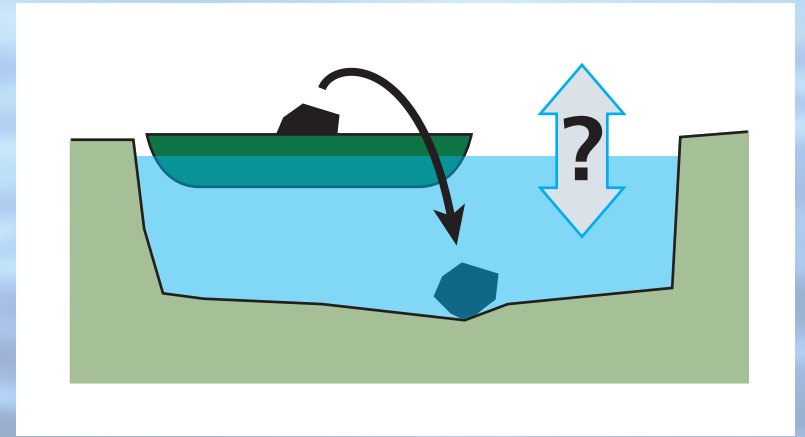
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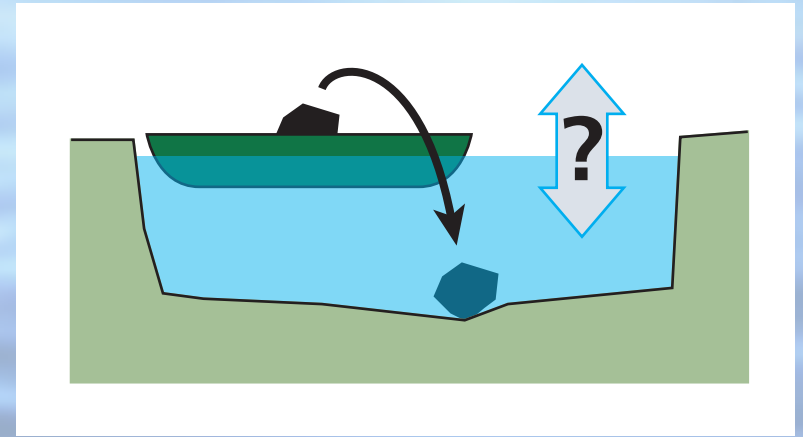


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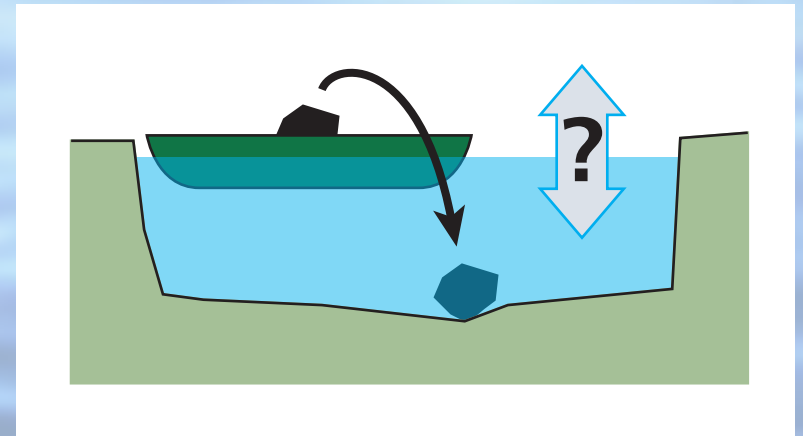
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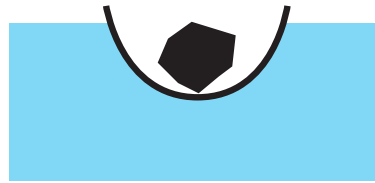


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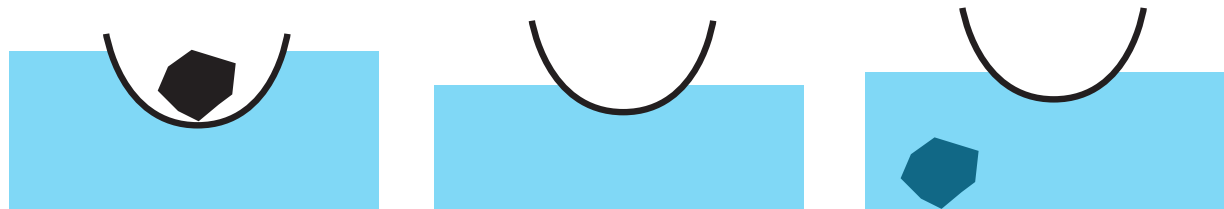




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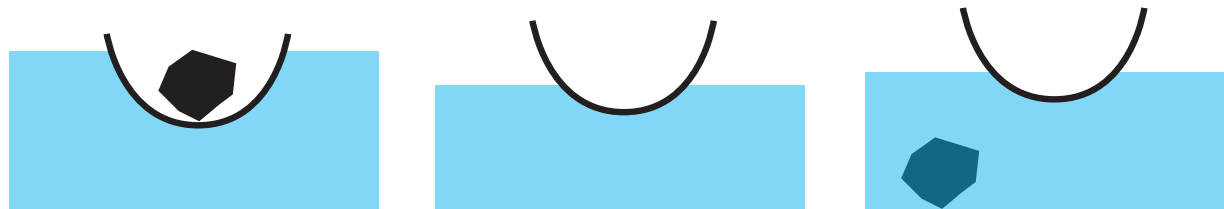


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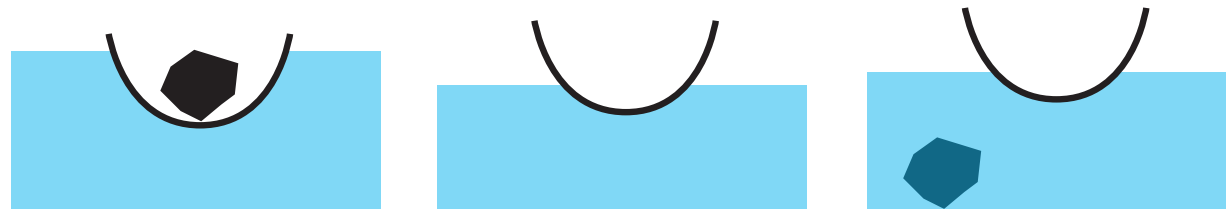


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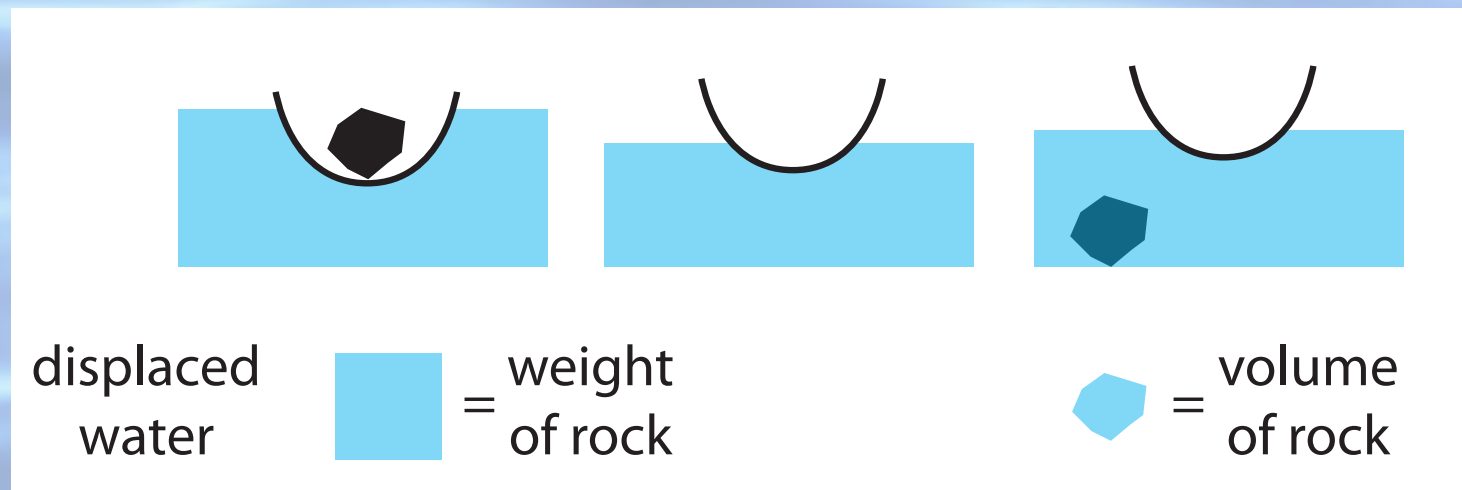
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= weight  
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## **points worth noting**

- **my “clear” lecture wasn’t very good**
- **discussion promoted “aha” moments**



**information  
transfer**

**sense-making**





**in class**

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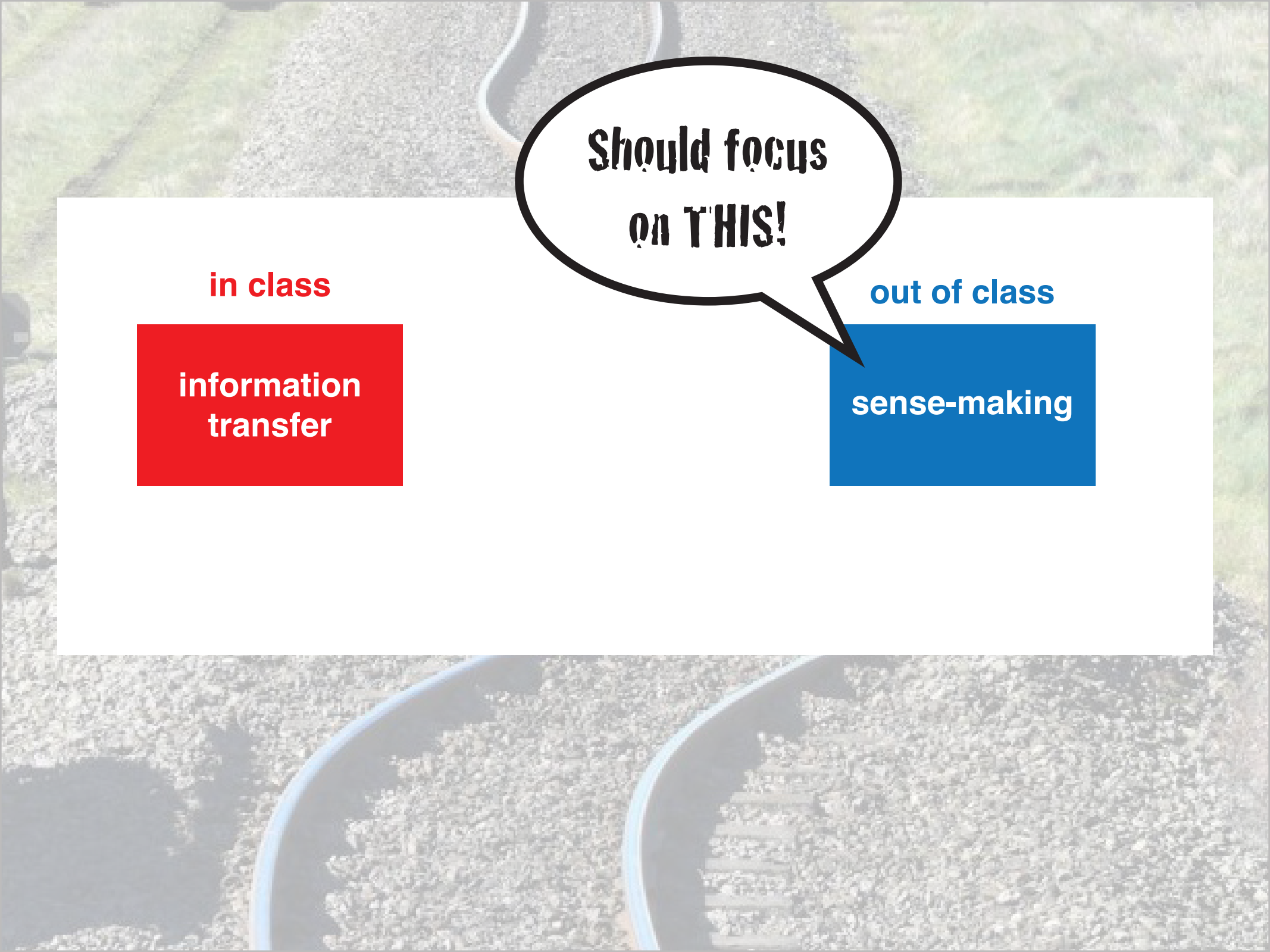
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**Should focus  
on THIS!**

**in class**

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**out of class**

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**in class**

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**out of class**

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Peer Instruction

**question**



**question**



**think**

**question**



**think**



**poll**



**question**



**think**



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**discuss**

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**think**



**poll**



**discuss**



**repoll**



**question**



**think**



**poll**



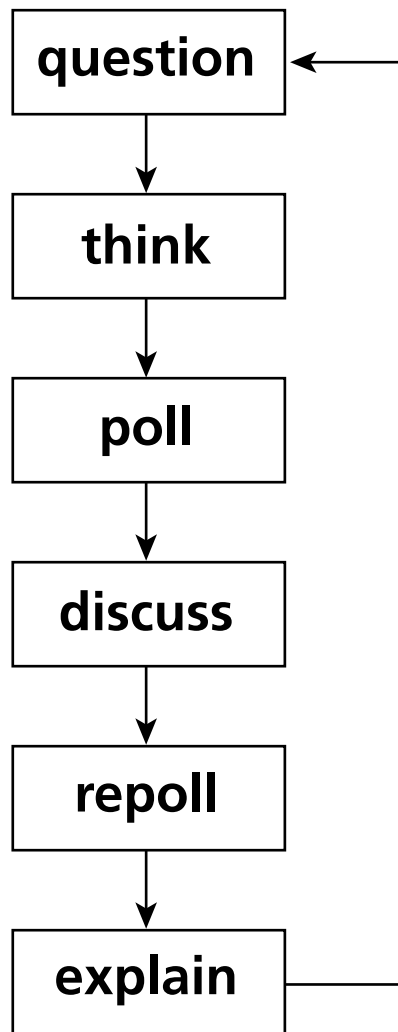
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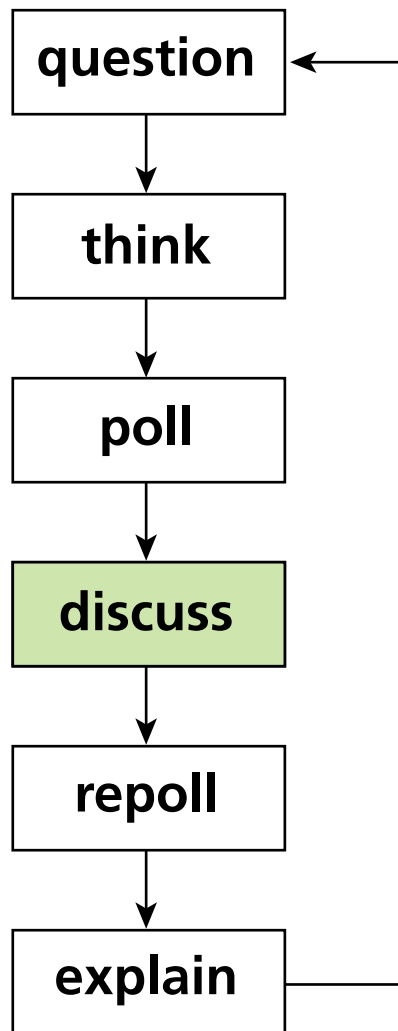


**repoll**



**explain**

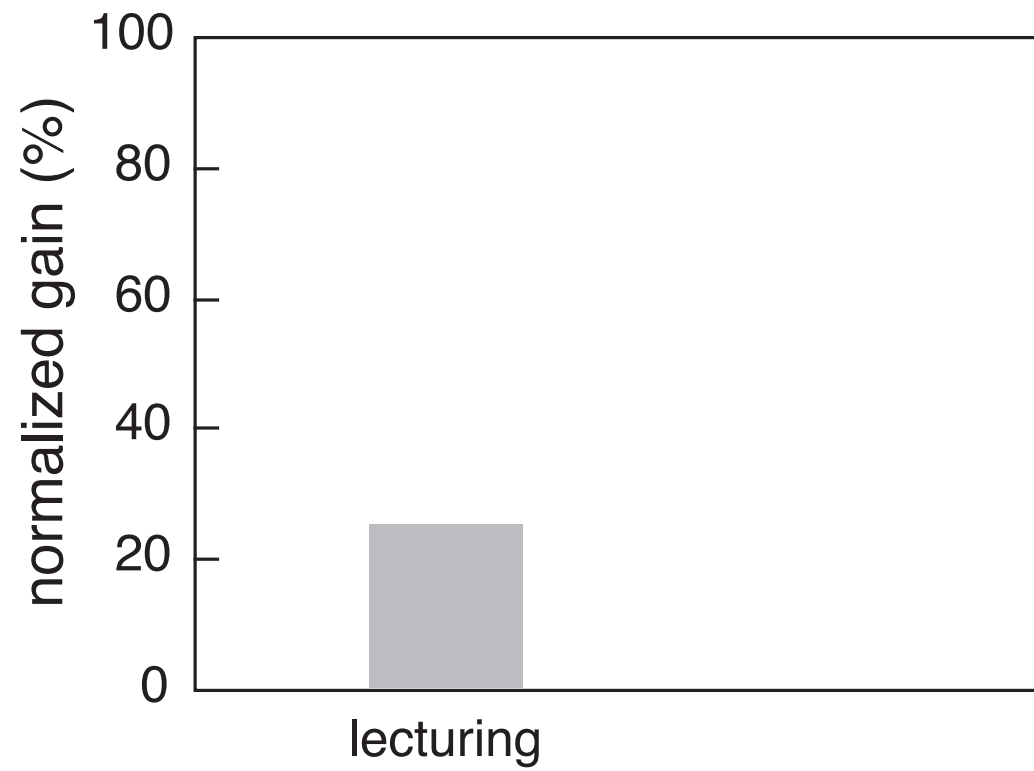


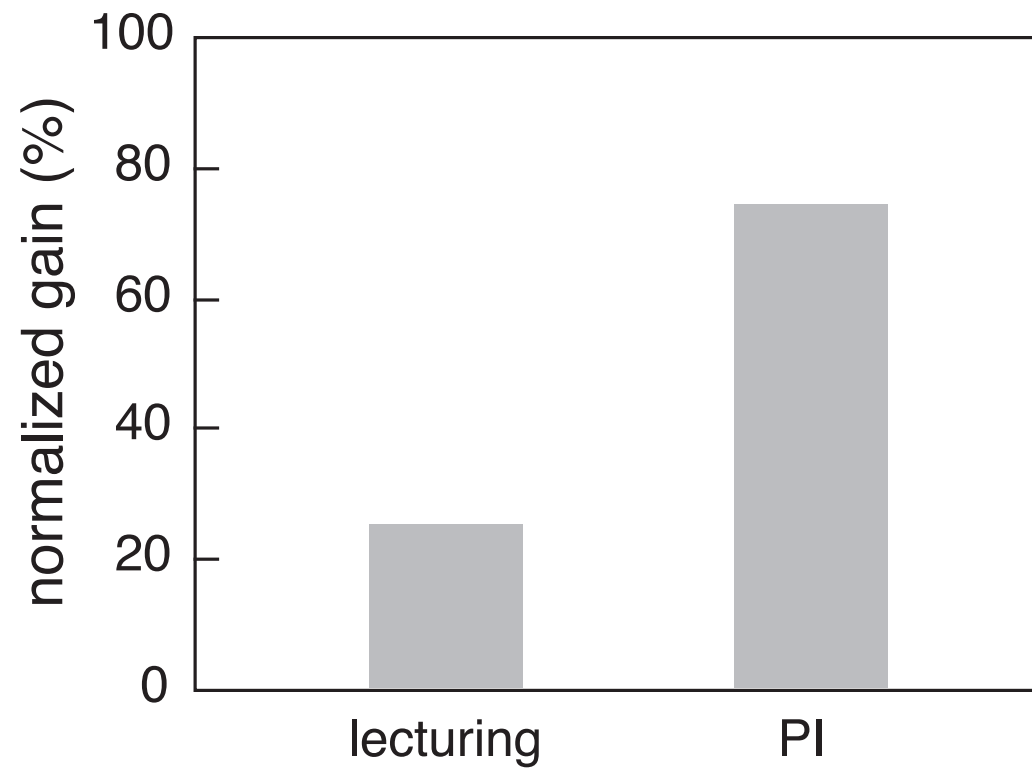




**Higher learning gains**

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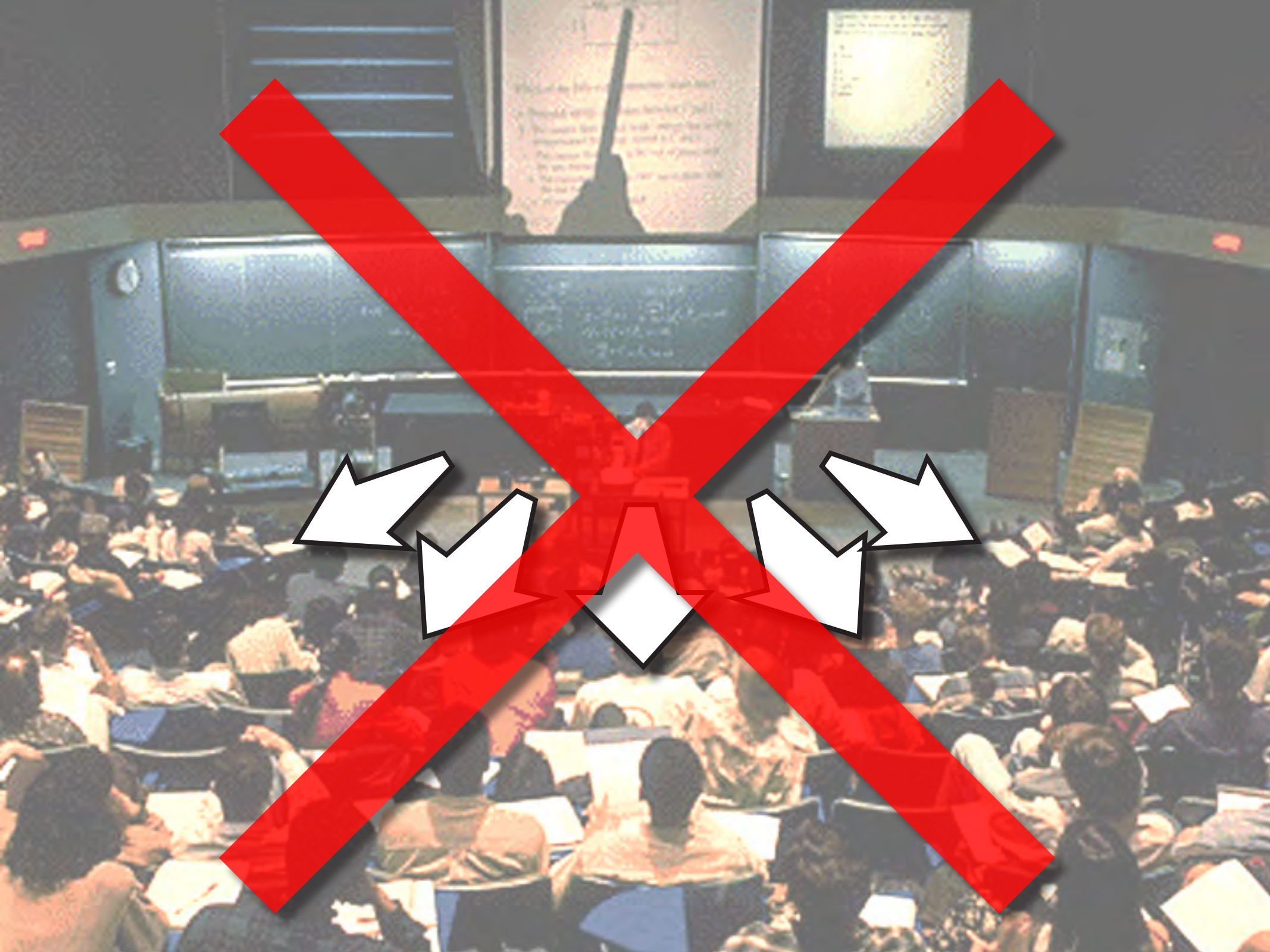
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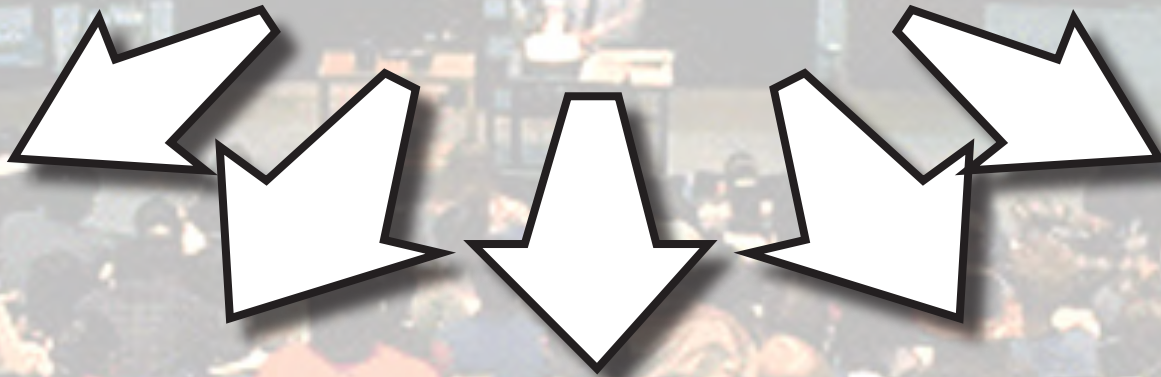
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**Whom would you triage first?**





**how to effectively transfer information outside classroom?**







**Solution**

**turn out-of-class component  
also into a social interaction!**

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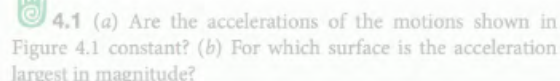
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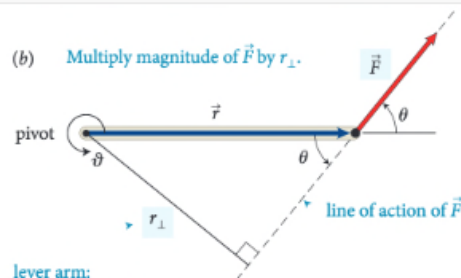
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In the situations depicted in Figures 12.4 and 12.5 we used the pivot to calculate the lever arm distances. This is a natural choice because that is the point about which the object under consideration is free to rotate. However, torques also play a role for stationary objects that are suspended or supported at several different points and that are not free to rotate—for example, a plank or bridge supported at either end. To determine what reference point to use in such cases, complete the following exercise.

### Exercise 12.1 Reference point

Consider again the rod in Figure 12.4. Calculate the sum of the torques about the left end of the rod.

**SOLUTION** I begin by making a sketch of the rod and the three forces exerted on it, showing their points of application on the rod (Figure 12.6).

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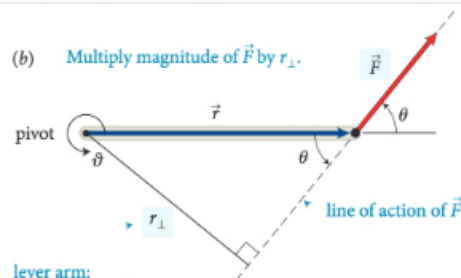
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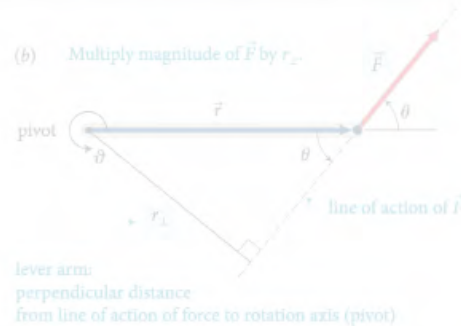
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It's interesting that the white ...

Is the reference frame i... 2

How does force affect ... 2

I was curious about this, t... 3

I understand partially w... 3

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The part before this wa... 2

The extended free-body d... 4

This just means the net... 3

I don't understand why ... 3

It is important to note that... 2

This is a good question when we ...

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The type of diagram to use d...

It sounds like it is sayin... 3

So then do we have a p... 5

Since torque is the cross pro...

The right-hand rule can al... 3

I don't understand how ... 3

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## Confusion report for Chapter 24

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- WJ Is there another way, besides the right hand rule, to find the direction of the magnetic field with a current?
- SB Using the right hand rule, I believe the answer is D. Is that correct? Show more...

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- CP Why is it that the magnet field points away from the north pole and towards the south pole? When on the previous page it stated that the direction of the magnetic field is the direction that the north pole of a compass needle points. +2
- AB How can you determine which direction the magnetic field will point towards? +1
- KH So whichever way the north pole faces is the direction of the magnetic field but that doesn't always mean its pointing true north? +1 Show more...

### earth magnetic field (6 questions)

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- AK Can someone explain why this type of bacteria knows what direction the earth's magnetic fields are facing?
- J Does the circular loop of current have any similarities with the look of the earths magnetic field? They kind of look similar to me. Show more...



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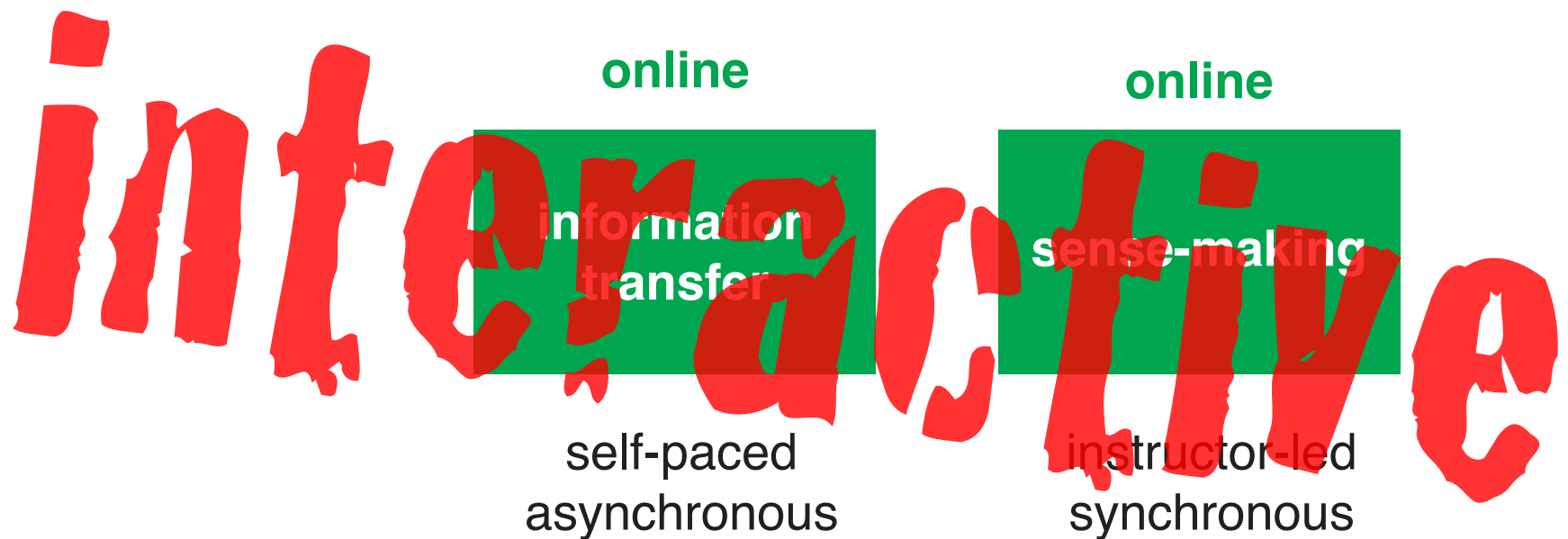
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***two evidence-based approaches***



# blend of 6 scaffolded “best practices”

understand

## LC: Learning Catalytics

90 min



Instructor poses question  
Answer alone  
Discuss in team  
Answer again



bring device

## Tutorial

60 min



Work on worksheet with team  
Explore concepts  
Discuss with staff

apply

## EA: Estimation Activity

30 min



Estimate quantities  
Develop individual strategy  
Discuss and solve as team



Conduct experiment with team  
Take measurements  
Analyze data  
Carry out simulations



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## Problem Set & Reflection

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Work problems alone BEFORE class  
Discuss with team, mark up  
Self-assess & turn in

## RAA: Readiness Assurance Activity

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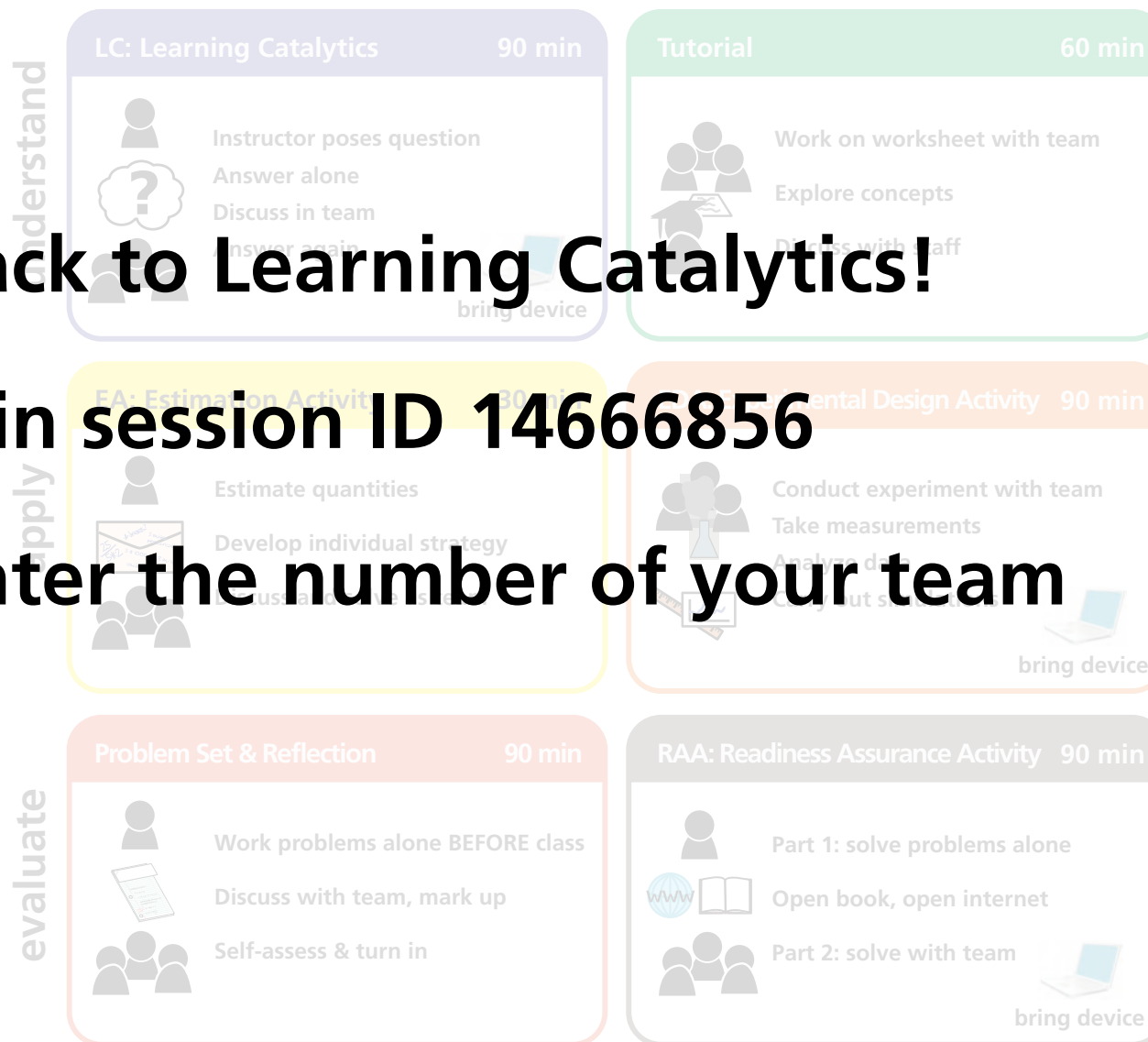
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Part 2: solve with team



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# let's try an RAA (2-stage exam)

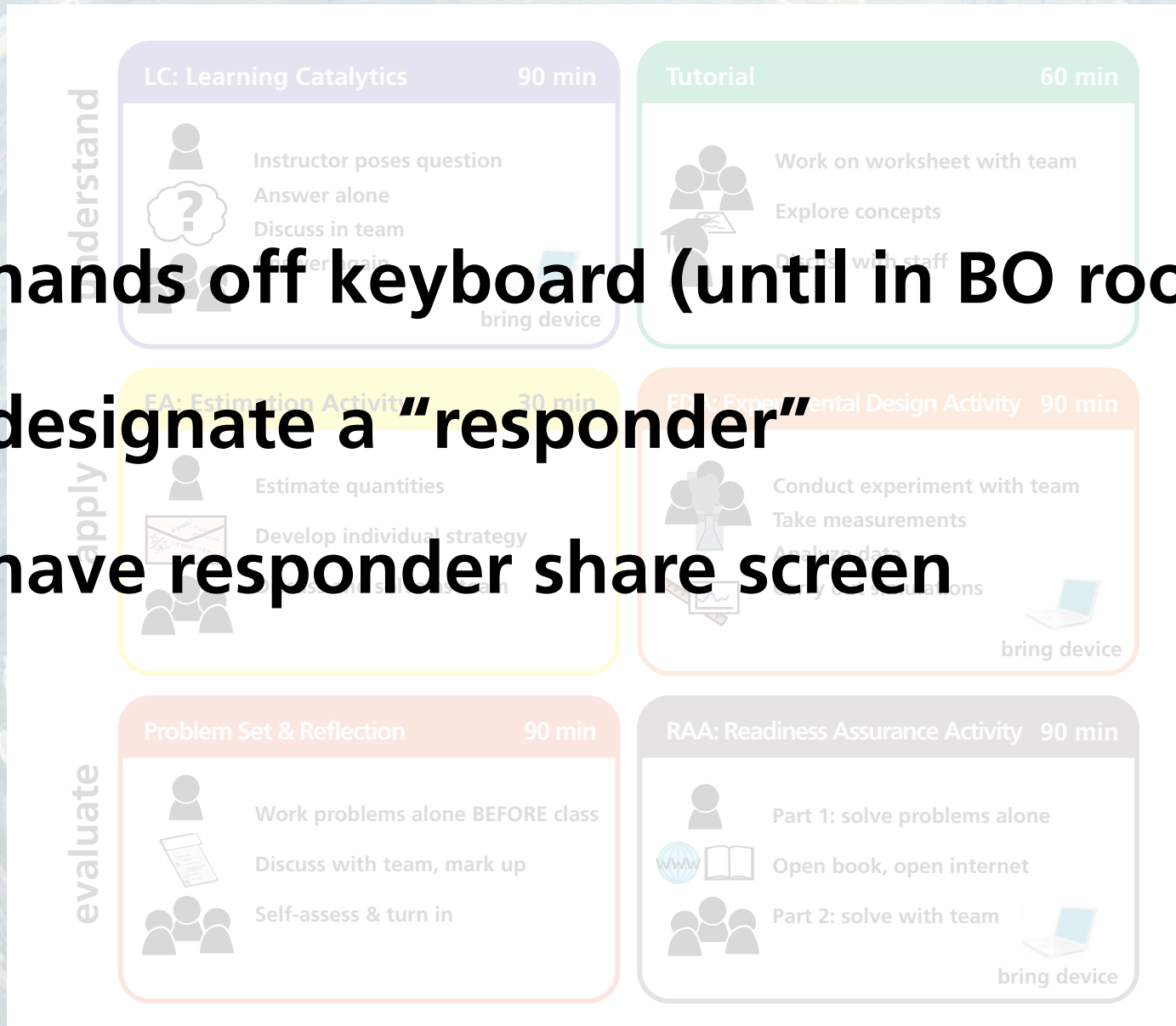
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# scoring summary

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**You have completed all of the questions.**

5/5 questions attempted, 18.0/20 possible points in team round [Q Score details](#)

Question	Individual Result	Points	Team Result	Points	Total Points
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5	Incorrect	0.0	Correct (on attempt 1)	4.0	2.0
<b>Total</b>		<b>4.0</b>		<b>18.0</b>	<b>11.0</b>

evaluate



Work problems alone BEFORE class



Discuss with team, mark up



Self-assess & turn in



Part 1: solve problems alone



Open book, open internet



Part 2: solve with team



bring device

The background of the slide is a faded, artistic illustration of a book cover. It features a central face with large, expressive eyes. The face is rendered in a style that suggests a classical or perhaps a religious figure, with a serene expression. The book cover itself has a yellowish-gold color with red vertical bands on the left and right sides, resembling the spine and edges of a thick volume. The overall tone is soft and contemplative.

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