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Assessment: The silent killer of learning



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kosten

1. die Kosten (*pl.*)
2. kostbar

455

krank

1. die Krankheit, —, —en

COW

377

magnificent
glor

1. magnificent
2. master

430

das Kind, —(e)s, —er

1. kindisch
2. kindlich

der Kellner, —s, —

1. der Keller, —s, —

kennen

kannte-gekant *irreg.*

1. kennen-lernen
2. erkennen
3. bekant
4. d

428

think



kosten

1. die Kosten

2. 1.

think

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kennen

kannte-gekant

1. kennen-gekant

2. erkennen

3. bekannt

4. d.

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Flashcard

23 of 100

pedantic

adj. ostentatious in one's learning

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Search



Popular



Subjects



Grade Levels



Standardized



My Books



Refresh

More



**35 % retained
after 1 week**

The background features two smartphones. The left phone displays a flashcard with the German word 'kennen' and its conjugations: '1. konnte-gekant', '2. erkennen-lernen', '3. bekant', and '4. d...'. The right phone shows a 'Flashcard' app interface with a 'Popular' section, a 'Subjects' list, and a 'Standardized' section. A music score is visible in the upper right corner of the background.

**we only guarantee
they'll pass the test**





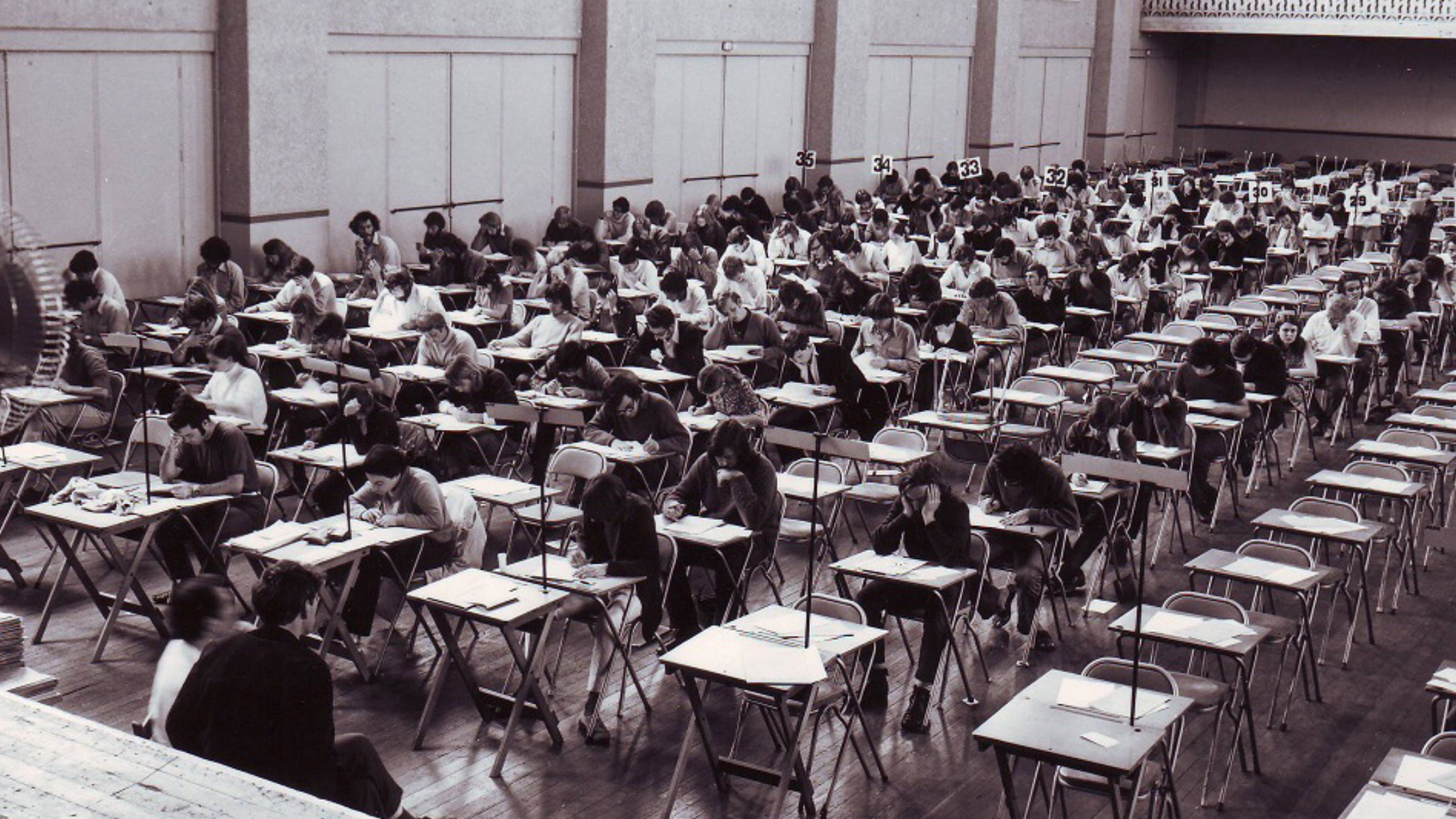
5-minute university













**assessment focussed on ranking and classifying,
not on developing 21st century skills**



1 purposes



1 purposes

2 problems



1 purposes

2 problems

3 improvements



**how many different purposes
of assessment can you think of?**

1 purposes

- 1. rate students**
- 2. rate professor and course**
- 3. motivate students to keep up with work**
- 4. provide feedback on learning to students**
- 5. provide feedback to instructor**
- 6. provide instructional accountability**
- 7. improve teaching and learning**



1 purposes



1 purposes

2 problems



inauthentic tests

1 purposes

2 problems

what is the meaning/definition of...?

1 purposes

2 problems



inauthentic problem solving

1 purposes

2 problems

problem

1 purposes

2 problems

problem

outcome

EDUCACION

1 purposes

2 problems

problem

outcome

KNOWN

1 purposes

2 problems

problem

solution

outcome

KNOWN

1 purposes

2 problems

problem

solution

outcome

UNKNOWN

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1 purposes

2 problems

problem

solution

outcome

UNKNOWNN
KNOWNN

problem

1 purposes

2 problems

problem

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problem

procedure

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1 purposes

2 problems

problem

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problem

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answer

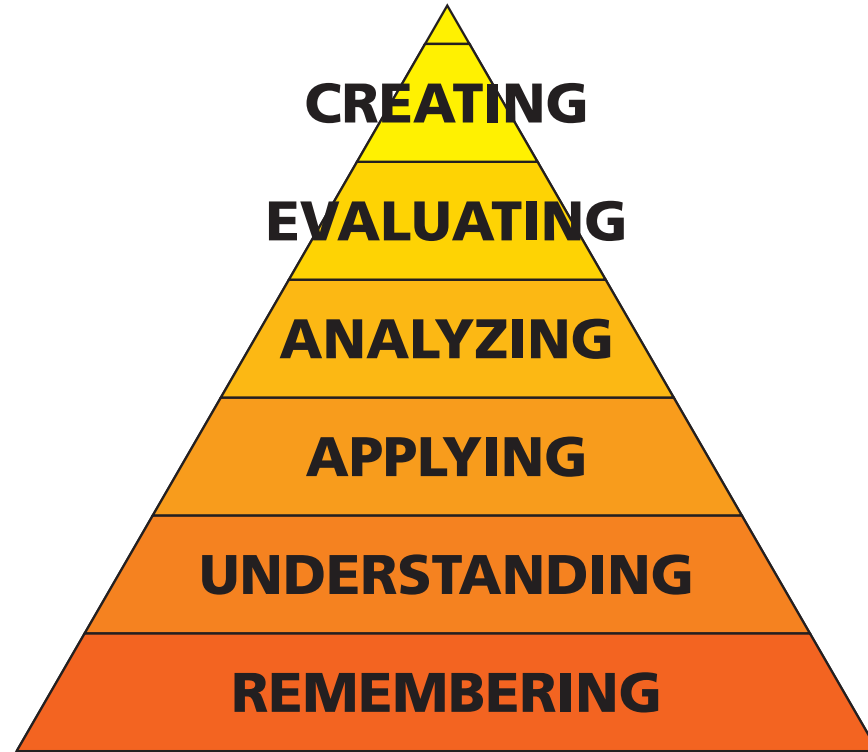
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UNKNOWN

1 purposes

2 problems

Thinking skills



prob

prob

WIN

DOWN

1 purposes

2 problems

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Requires:

Assumptions

Developing a model

Applying that model

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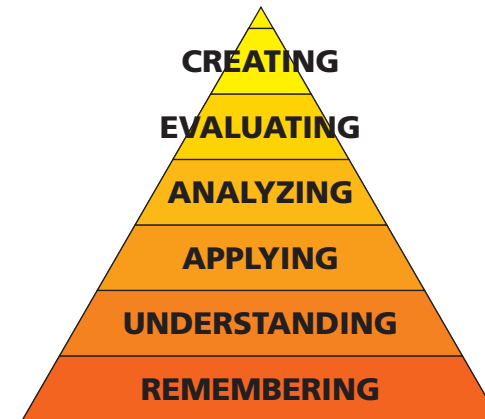
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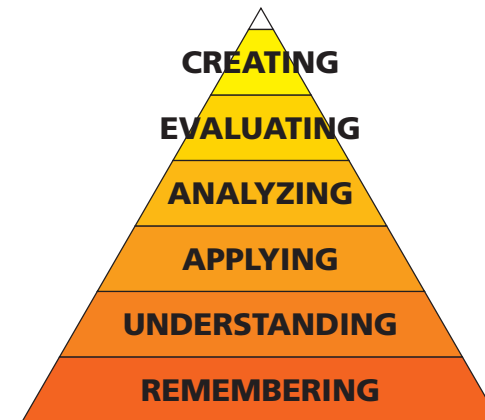
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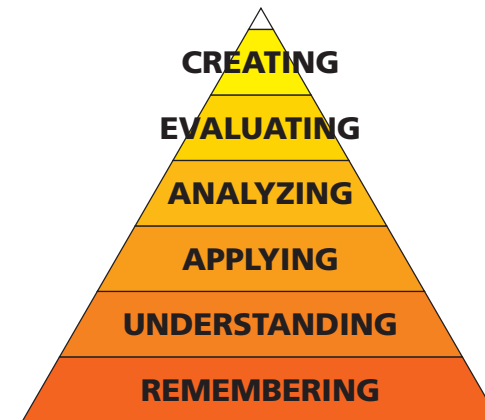
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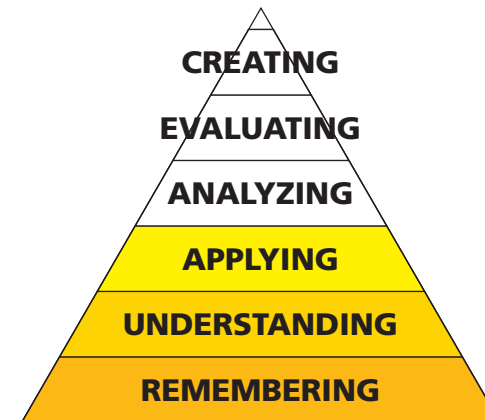
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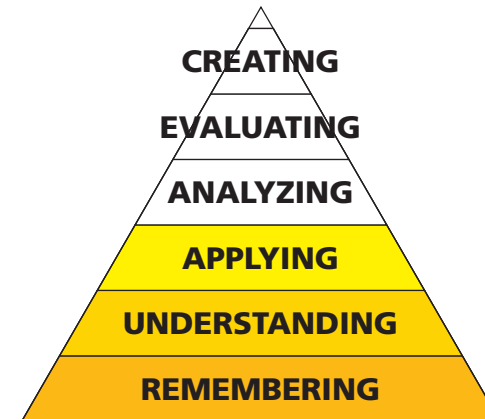
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Applying that model



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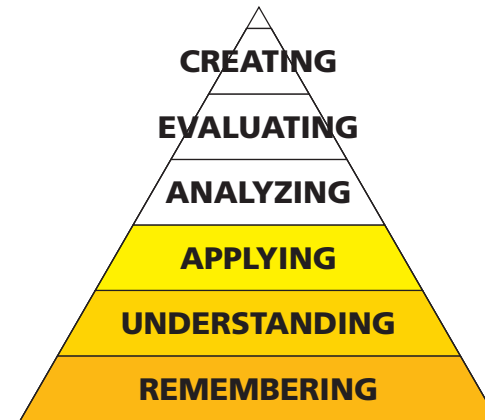
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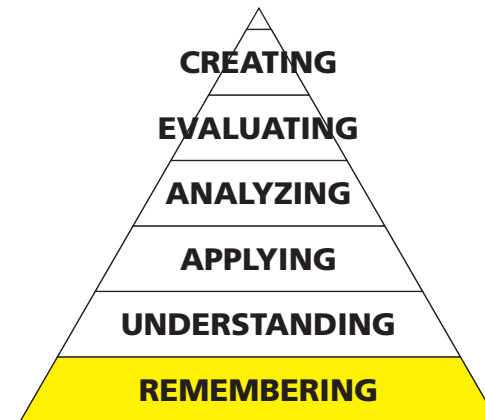
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pro

computers
can do this!

KNOWN

outcome

KNOWN

problem

procedure

KNOWN

answer

UNKNOWN

1 purposes

2 problems



1 purposes

2 problems



1 purposes

2 problems

problem

solution

outcome

UNKNOW

KNOWN

problem

p

REAL
problem solving

KNOW

DOWN

1 purposes

2 problems

problem

approach 1

approach 3

approach 2

outcome

grading incompatible with real problem solving

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isolation

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④ We will use spherical coordinates:

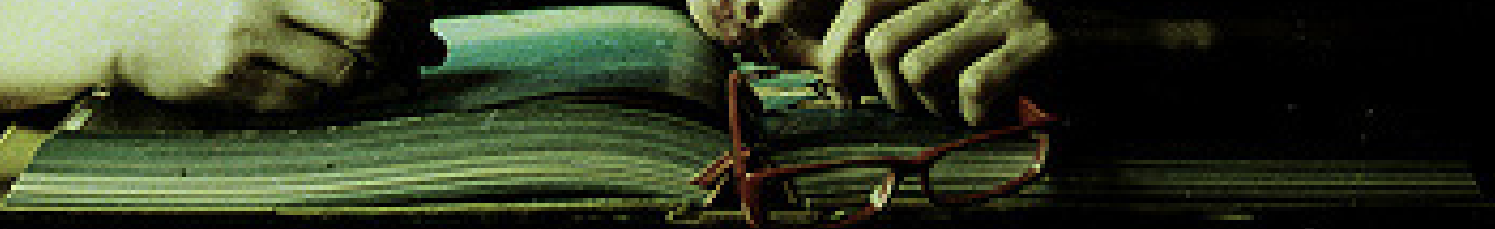
$$0 \leq \rho \leq 4, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi, \quad \frac{\pi}{2} \leq \phi \leq \pi$$

integral is thus:

$$= \left\{ \int_{\rho=0}^4 \rho^3 d\rho \right\} \left\{ \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} d\theta \right\} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \int_{\phi=0}^{\pi} \sin(2\phi) d\phi \right\} = \boxed{0}$$

Final Exam

high-stakes examinations promote cramming



1 purposes

2 problems

A person with long dark hair is sleeping at a desk. They are holding a pen over an open book. A white mug is on the desk to the left. A clock is visible in the bottom left corner. The background is a light, textured wall.

information stored in short-term memory

1 purposes

2 problems



no retention

information stored in short-term memory

no transfer!

1 purposes

2 problems

grades: measure of standing relative to others

1 purposes

2 problems

grades: measure of standing relative to others
feedback: reflection on what has been learnt

1 purposes

2 problems

assessment produces a conflict

1 purposes

2 problems

assessment produces a conflict

coach or judge?

1 purposes

2 problems

conflict resolved by:

objectivity (fairness, reliability)

1 purposes

2 problems

Law Model

... mass makes me
... in humanity

Describe the Law of conservation of mass: Sometimes called the Law, states that mass of a closed system will remain constant, regardless of the process. Also, matter cannot be created nor destroyed.

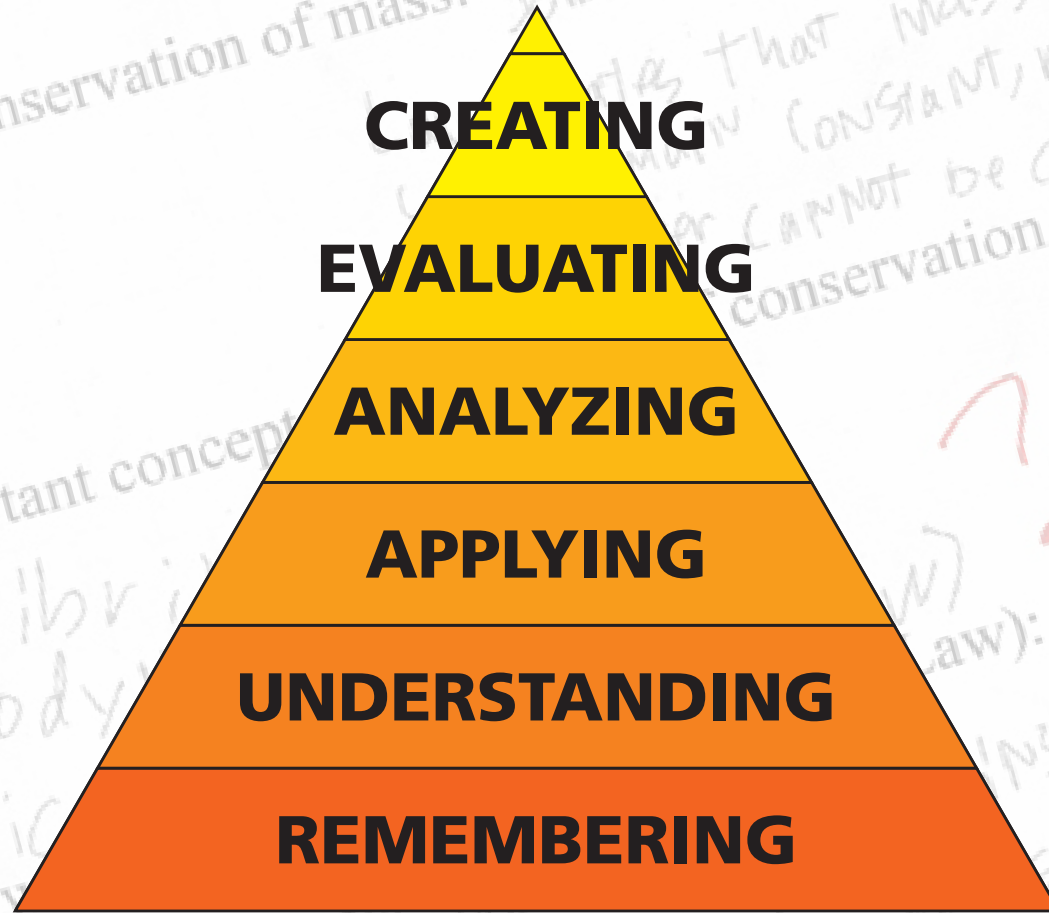
List the three important concepts that the Law of conservation of Energy leads to:
Equilibrium (boiling)
Thermodynamics (boiling)
Kinetics (how-chicka-wow-wow)

... but ...

Describe the Law of definite composition (Dalton's Law):
... always contains exactly the same parts by mass.

1 purposes

2 problems



1 purposes

2 problems

**only lowest order thinking skills
can be judged objectively**

1 purposes

2 problems

and then there is...

- grade inflation
- cheating

1 purposes

2 problems



1 purposes

2 problems

3 improvements



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mimic real life

1 purposes

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3 improvements



open-book exam

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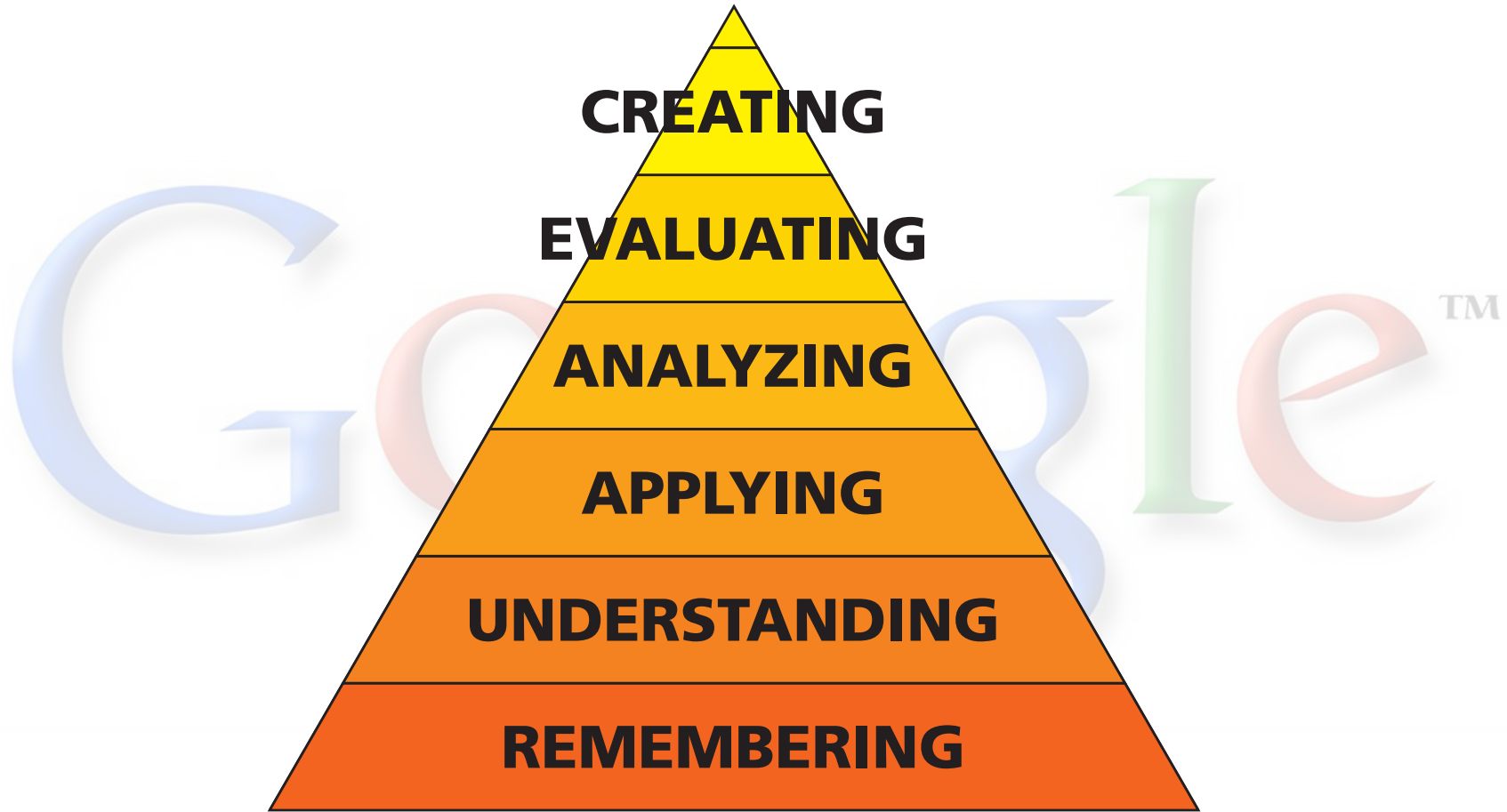
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Google™

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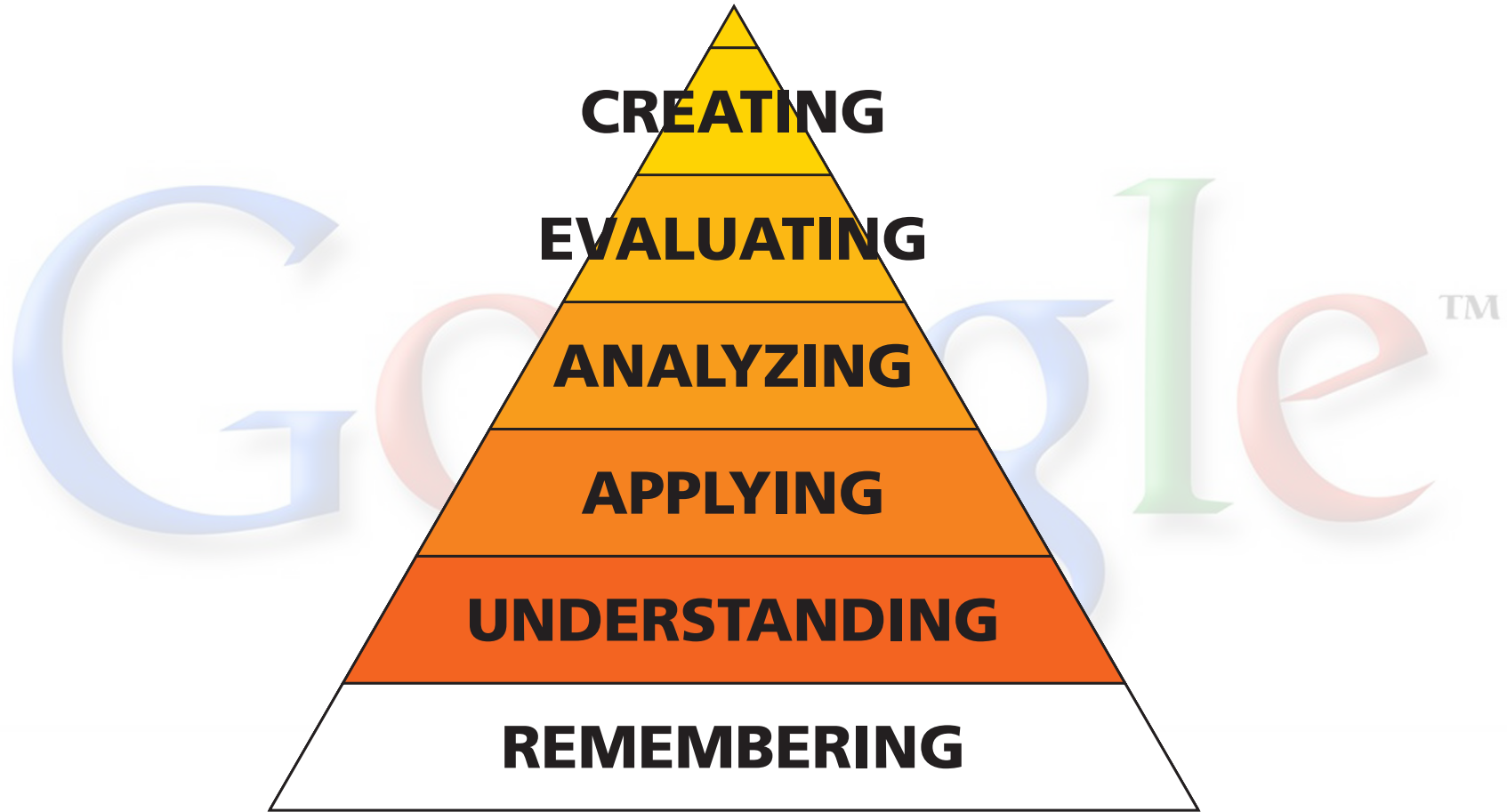
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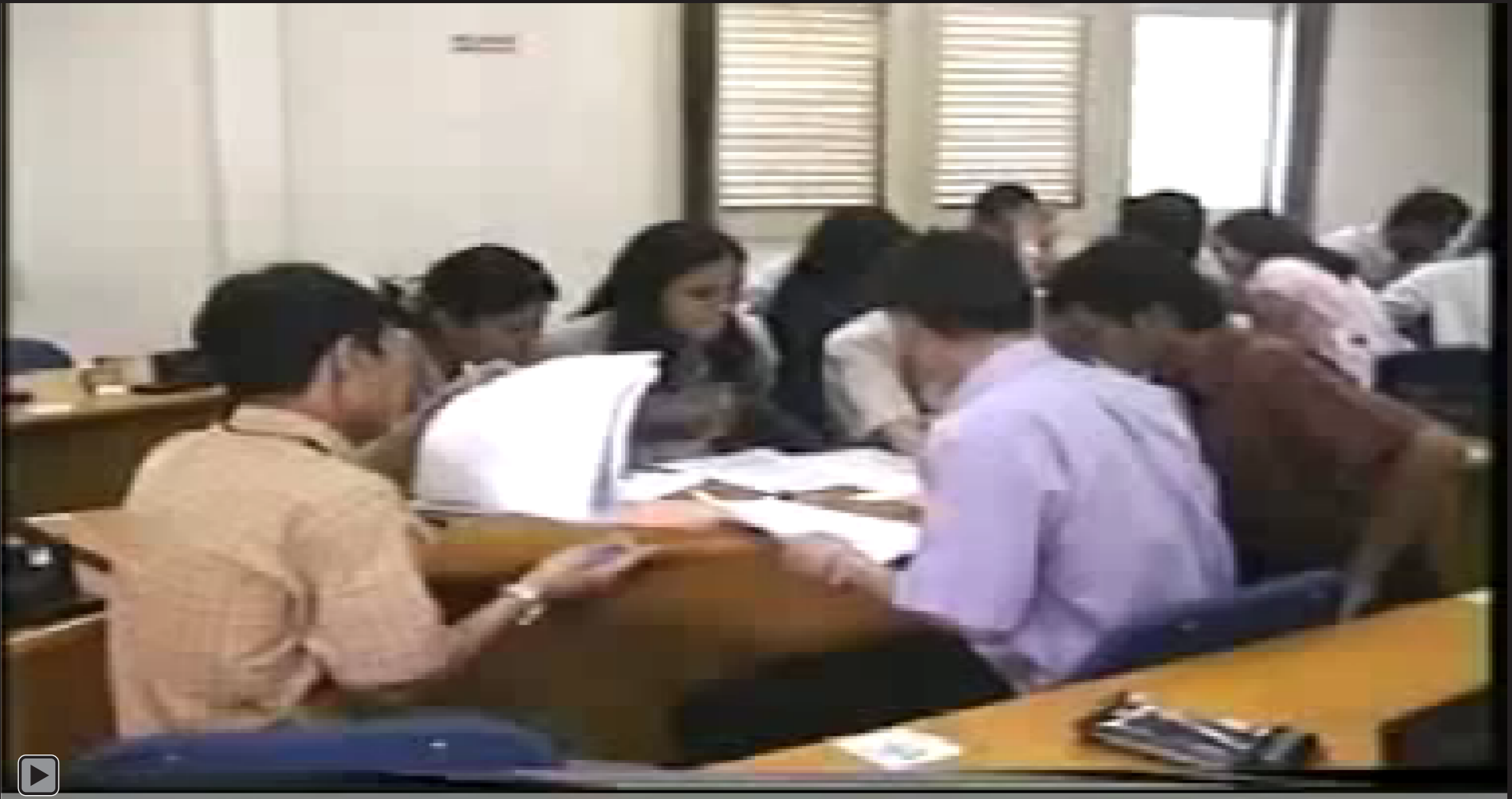
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3 improvements



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IMMEDIATE FEEDBACK ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUE (IF AT)

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Test # 1

Subject _____

Total 23

SCRATCH OFF COVERING TO EXPOSE ANSWER

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1 purposes

2 problems

3 improvements



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Session 389314

This is the individual round; work on these questions on your own.



Jump to ▼

1

2

3

4

5

expression question

What is the derivative of $f(x) = 3x^2 - 6x$?

Submit response

Enter an expression, e.g., x^2 for x^2 , $\ln(y) - \sin(x)$ for $\ln y - \sin x$, $x/(y+1)$ for $\frac{x}{y+1}$, $(1/2)x$ for $\frac{1}{2}x$. Do not enter a complete equation.

Current team: **Blue team**  [Change team](#)

 [Change seat](#)

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$6x - 6$

Brian Lukoff

$6x$

Brent Jones

$6x - 6$

Beth Sawyer

$6x^2 - 6$

Kip Harmon

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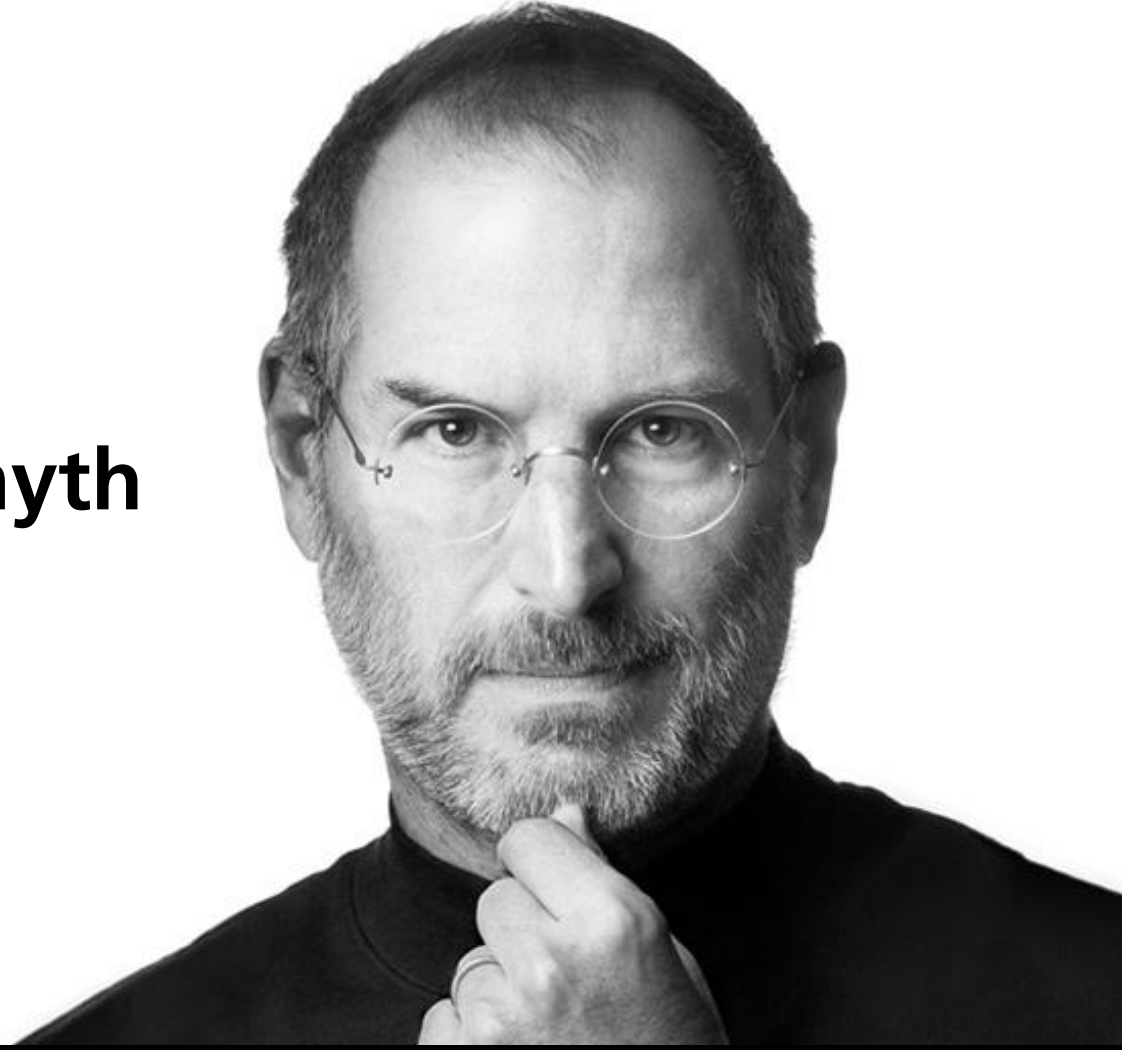
focus on feedback, not ranking

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objective ranking: a myth

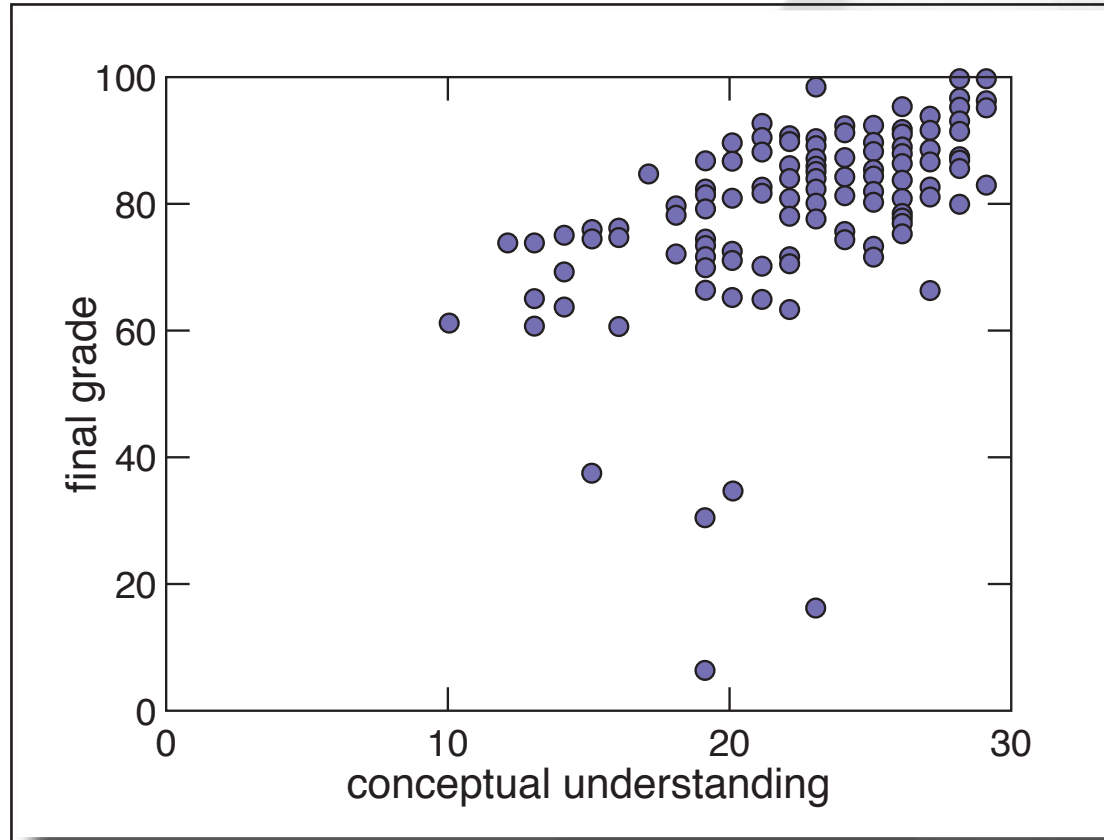


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2 metrics, 2 results

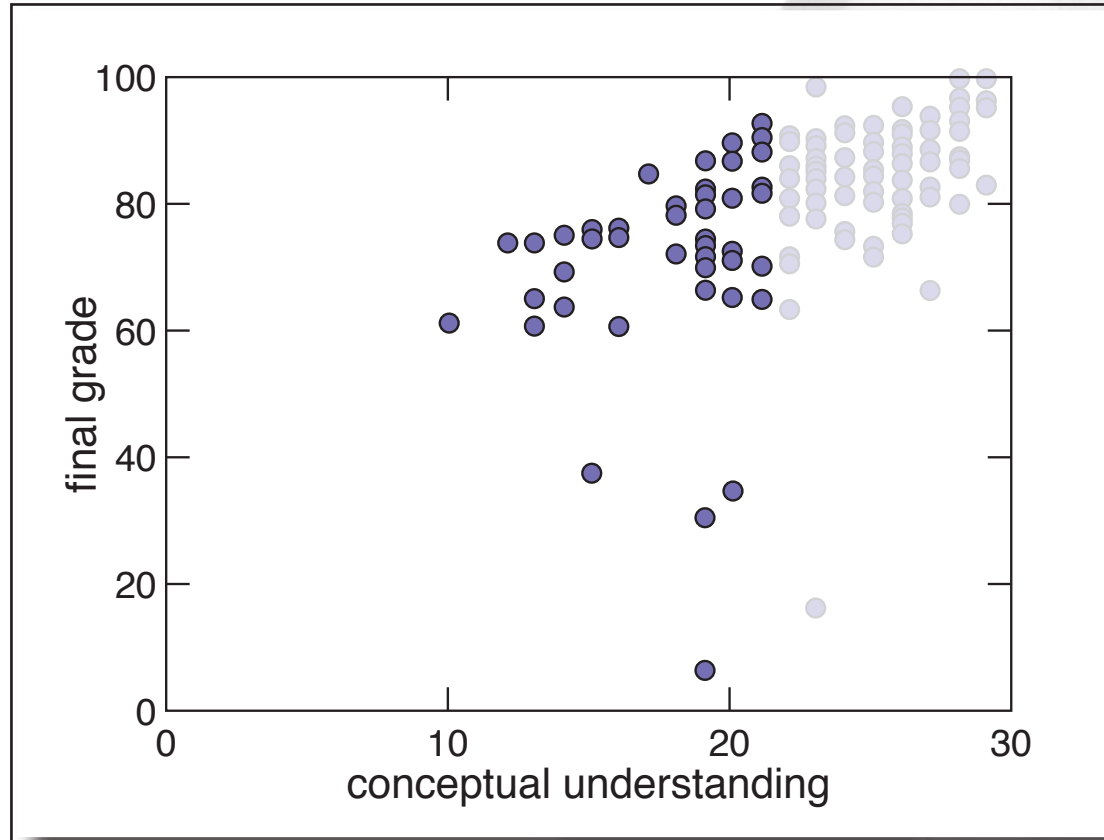


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Aristotelian thinkers

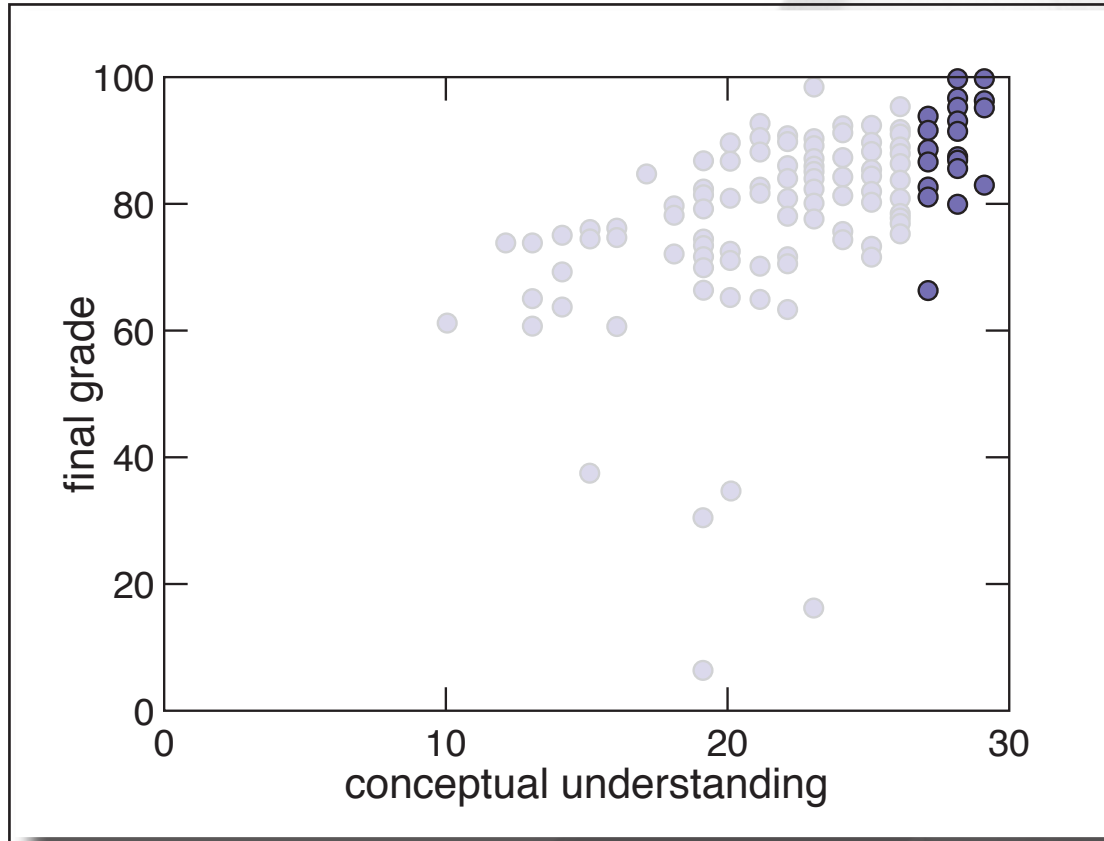


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top performers, broad grade distribution

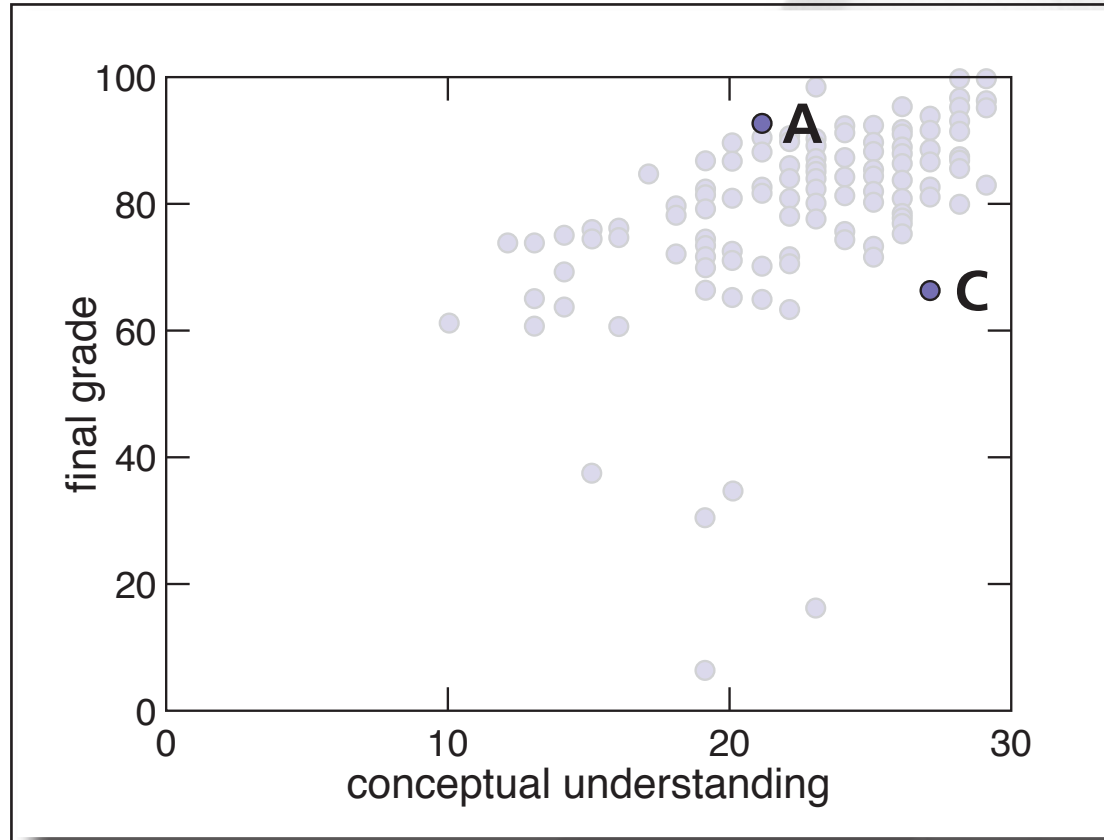


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objectivity or injustice?



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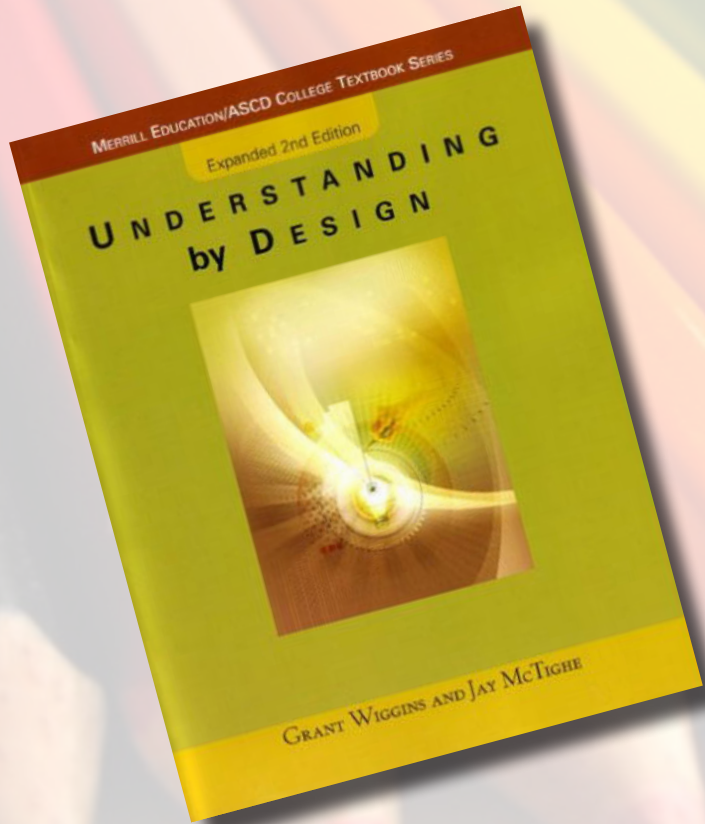
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focus on skills, not content

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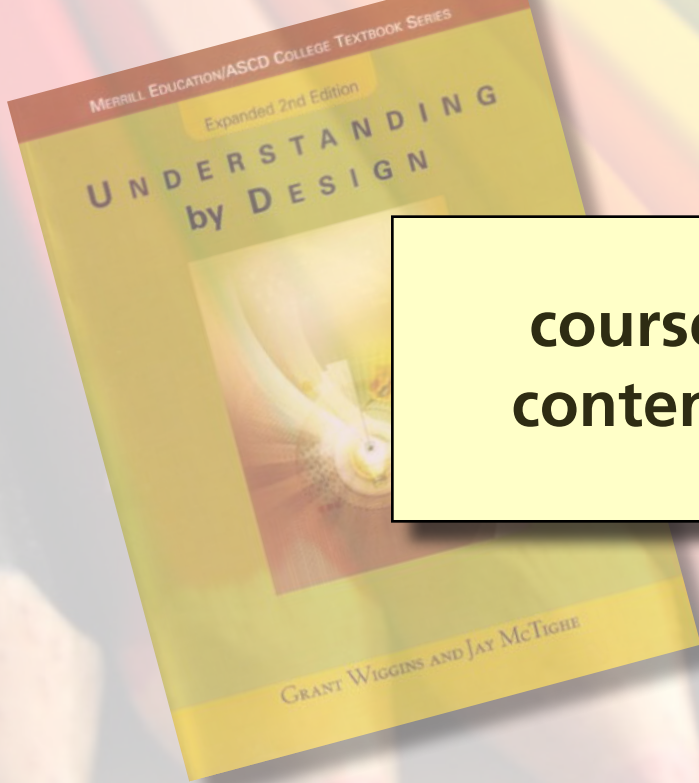
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Grant Wiggins and Jay McTighe, *Understanding by Design* (Prentice Hall, 2001)

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Traditional approach to course planning



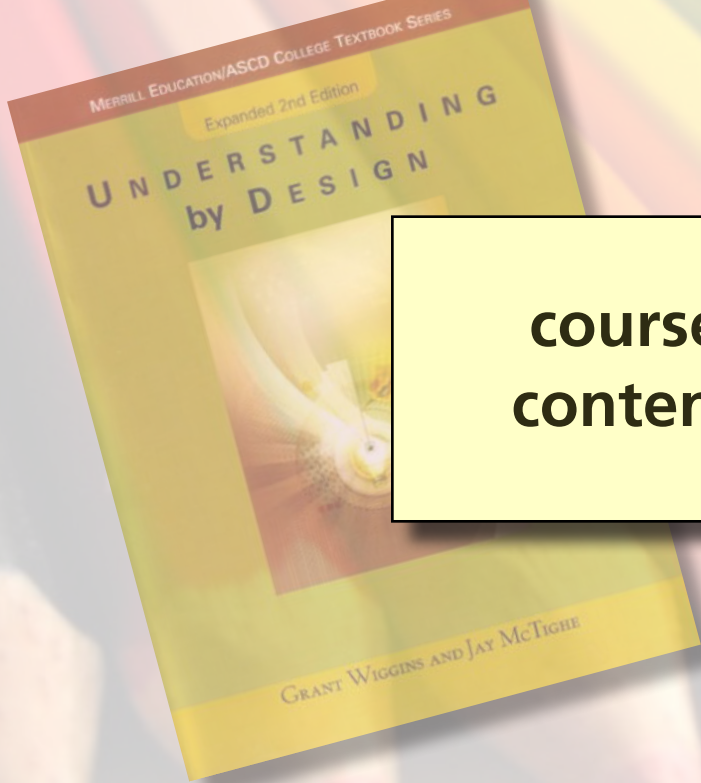
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Traditional approach to course planning



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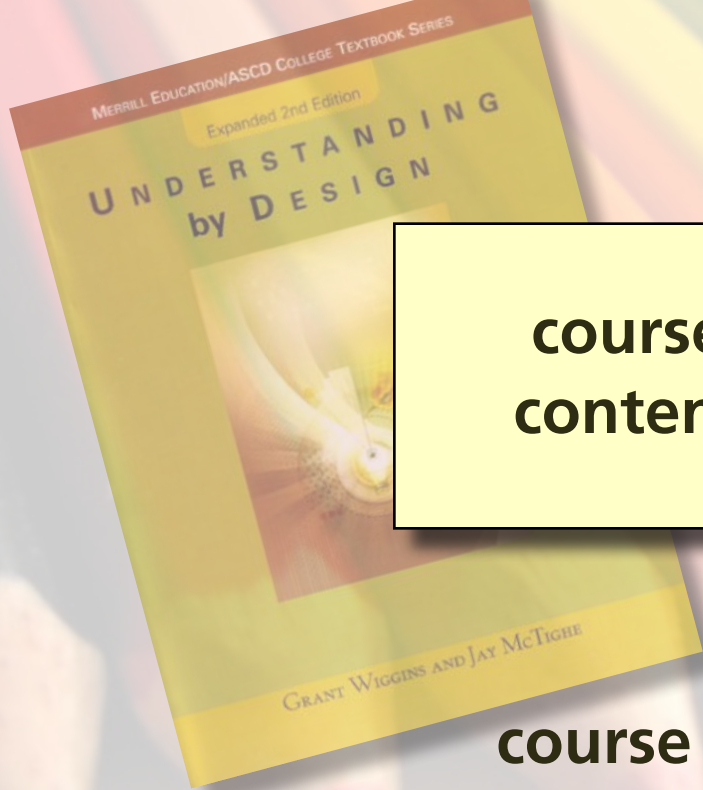
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Traditional approach to course planning



**course
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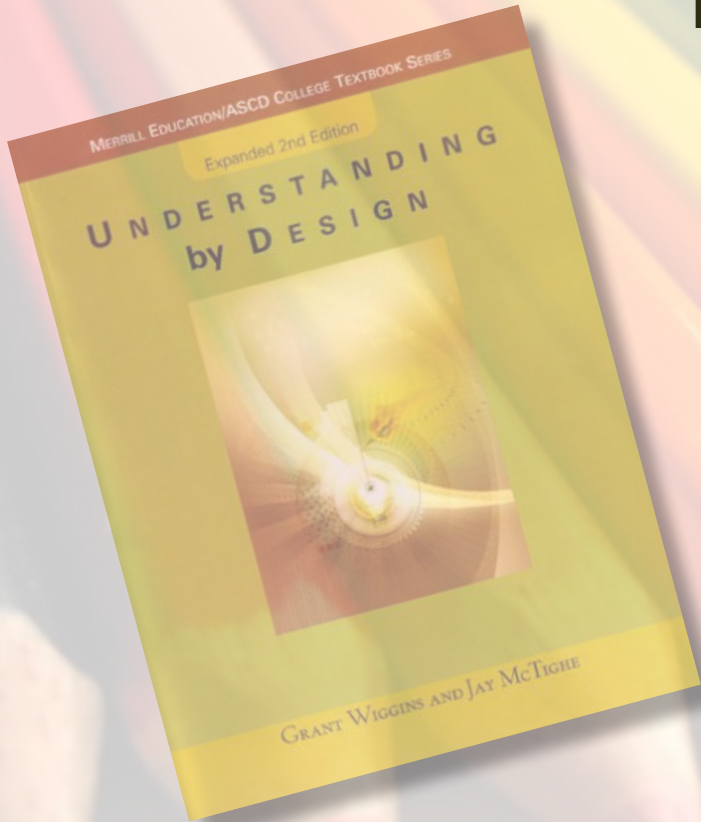
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Backward design



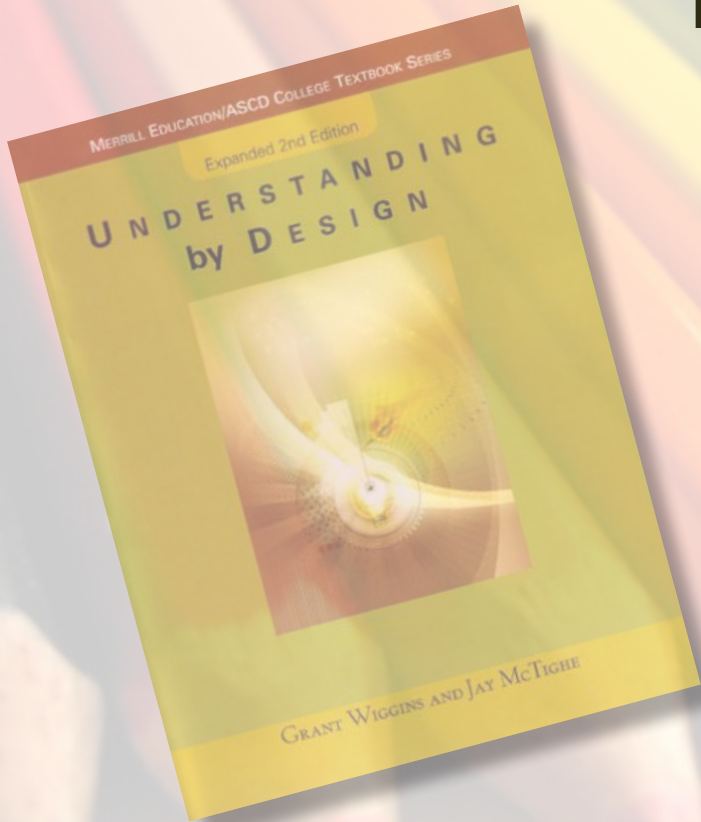
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evidence



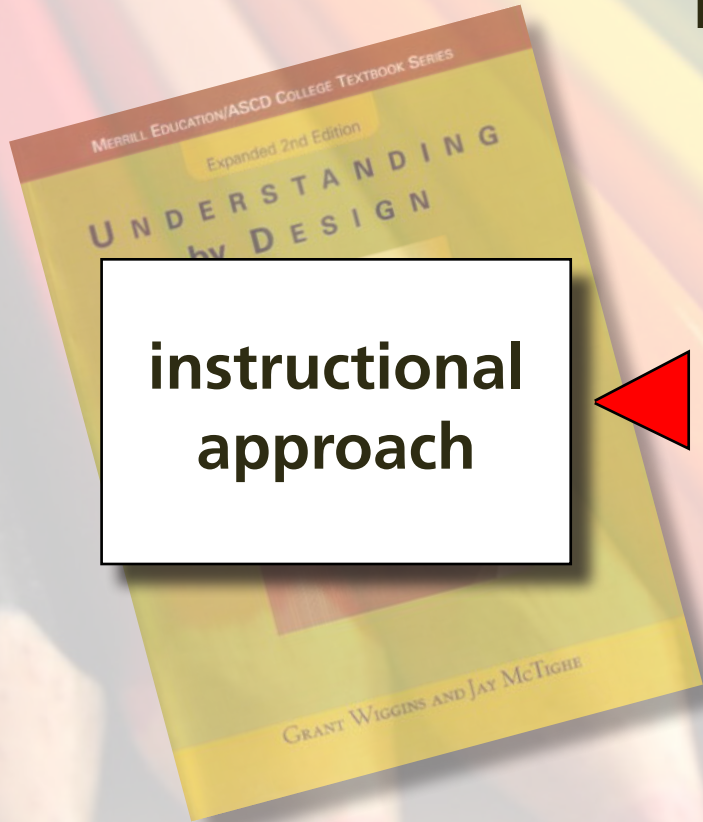
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**instructional
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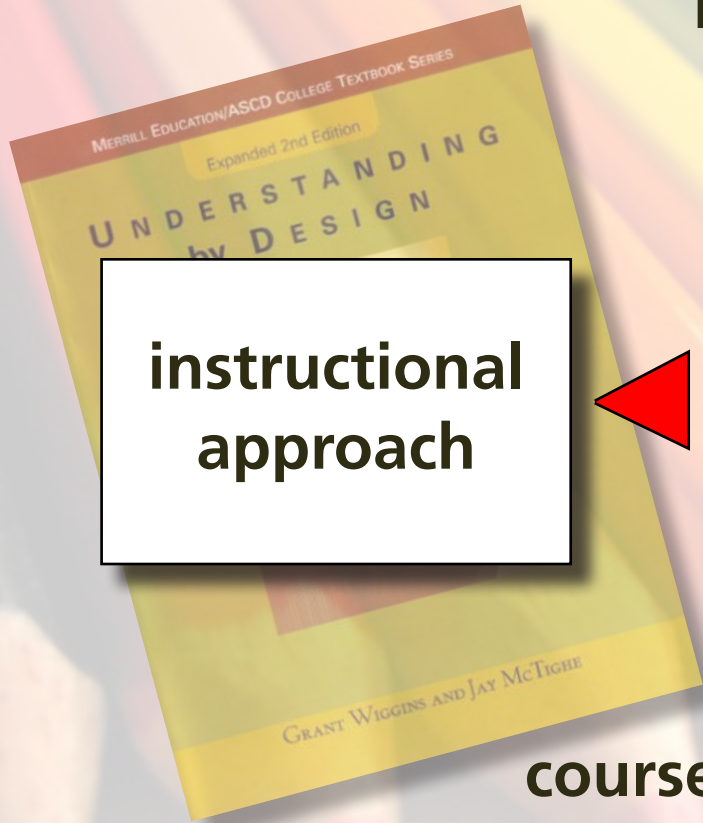
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**instructional
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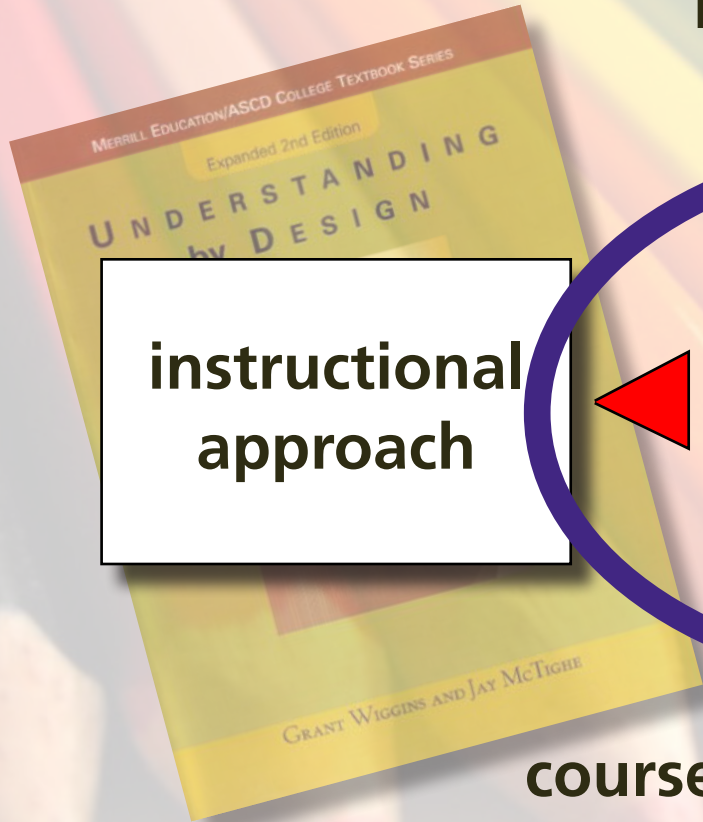
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instructional approach

acceptable evidence

desired outcomes



course defined by outcomes

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resolve coach/judge conflict

1 purposes

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use external evaluators

1 purposes

2 problems

3 improvements

peer- and self-assessment

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2 problems

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Calibrated Peer Review

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Step 1: assignment & rubric

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...st the three important concepts

3 = admin...
exceeds expectations
(rarely selected)

WRITING RUBRIC

1 = needs improvement
does not meet expectations entirely

2 = satisfactory
meets expectations
(what you should aim for)

Catchy title drawing audience into article

Compelling audience appropriate hook or lead present AND first few paragraphs orient lay reader to subject

All paragraphs are short (1-5 sentences)

Headings structure paper in organized, logical way AND paragraphs linked by transitions

Ends compellingly with an important idea or though provoking question AND ties back to title and opening hook

Rubric for Calibrated Peer Review

Structure

Title

Opening

Paragraph length

Organization

Closing

Wordy, long, unimaginative, or inappropriate title

Missing a "hook" or a lead in the first paragraphs AND does not orient reader to subject

Many paragraphs are long (6 or more sentences)

Lacks organization, no logical headings, no transitions between paragraphs

Does not end compellingly or with an important idea AND does not tie back to opening

Contains incorrect, misstated, irrelevant, or unnecessary facts

Does not back up facts with proper, convincing, or interesting sources or evidence

Mostly predictable based on available

Basic title

Hook or lead present OR first few paragraphs orient reader to subject

Some paragraphs are long (6 or more sentences), most are short (1-5 sentences)

A few headings OR most paragraphs linked by transitions

Summary-like closing, but does not tie back to title or opening hook

All facts are 100% correct, relevant, and necessary

Most, but not all, facts backed up with proper, convincing, or interesting sources or evidence

Some originality apparent

Material appropriate and aimed at target audience AND mostly avoids scientific content that contains no colloquialisms or acronyms

Includes fact-checked expert and/or lay testimony (newspaper article only)

Original presentation of material; uses the unexpected to capture attention

Material appropriate and aimed at target audience AND relates to practical/everyday concerns AND uses analogies or other techniques to relate unfamiliar content to familiar concepts; no jargon, colloquialisms, or acronyms

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Content/Ideas

Scientific facts

Sources/evidence

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...st the three important concepts
Equilibrium (boring)
Thermodynamics (boring)
Kinetics (bow-chicka-wow-wow)
Describe the Law of definite composition (Dalton's Law):
A chemical compound always contains exactly the
same proportion of elements by mass.
Unrelated, I saw my T.A., Jimmy, having a dude at a party, last Friday
A chemical reaction does one of two things to involved substances:
Increases or decreases the
energy of the substance
involved ... sometimes heat or liquid

Step 2: upload

Step 3: review

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MEDIUM

HIGH

UPLOAD

LOW

nt new addition to night sky
quires fear and awe – Mona Lisa

By now everyone has noticed the
mistakable new addition to our sky, which
outshines the brightest star at night and
continues to shine alongside the sun during
the day. None of us have seen such a sight in
the course of our lives and for many it has
served as a jarring reminder of the violent
and powerful cosmic events that occur in
what often appears to be a calm and constant

The New York Times

January 20, 2009

OBSERVATORY

Spectacular Supernova Observed

By John Glenn

New York, N.Y. – People around the world witnessed the
in recorded history this morning. The supernova, named
Eastern Time, appearing as bright as the full moon. At
continued to shine for several hours.

Traffic was interrupted in New York City, as early-ris
of the amazing sight. As of press time, the

Galileo
20 January 2008

Yesterday at about 4 p.m., I observed a peculiar
appeared in the sky. A glowing flash emitted
seconds, accompanied its appearance. The object
it even in broad daylight. How did this unprecedented
its consequences for Earth? In order to understand
on Earth will most likely ever see again, we have
galaxies. To fully appreciate it and not be alarmed
understand the life cycle of stars and how they
classified as consisting of eight planets (Pluto, etc.)

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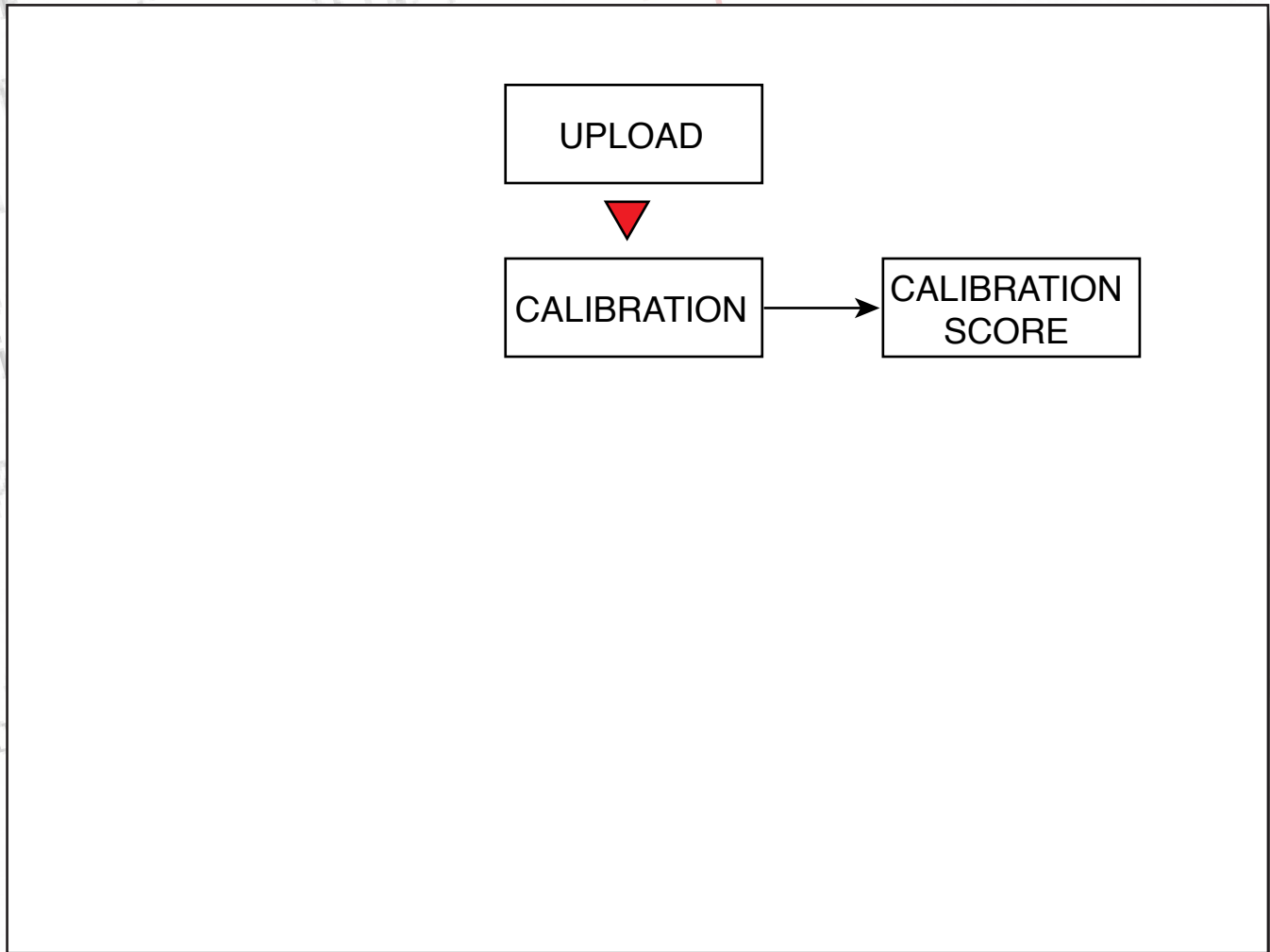
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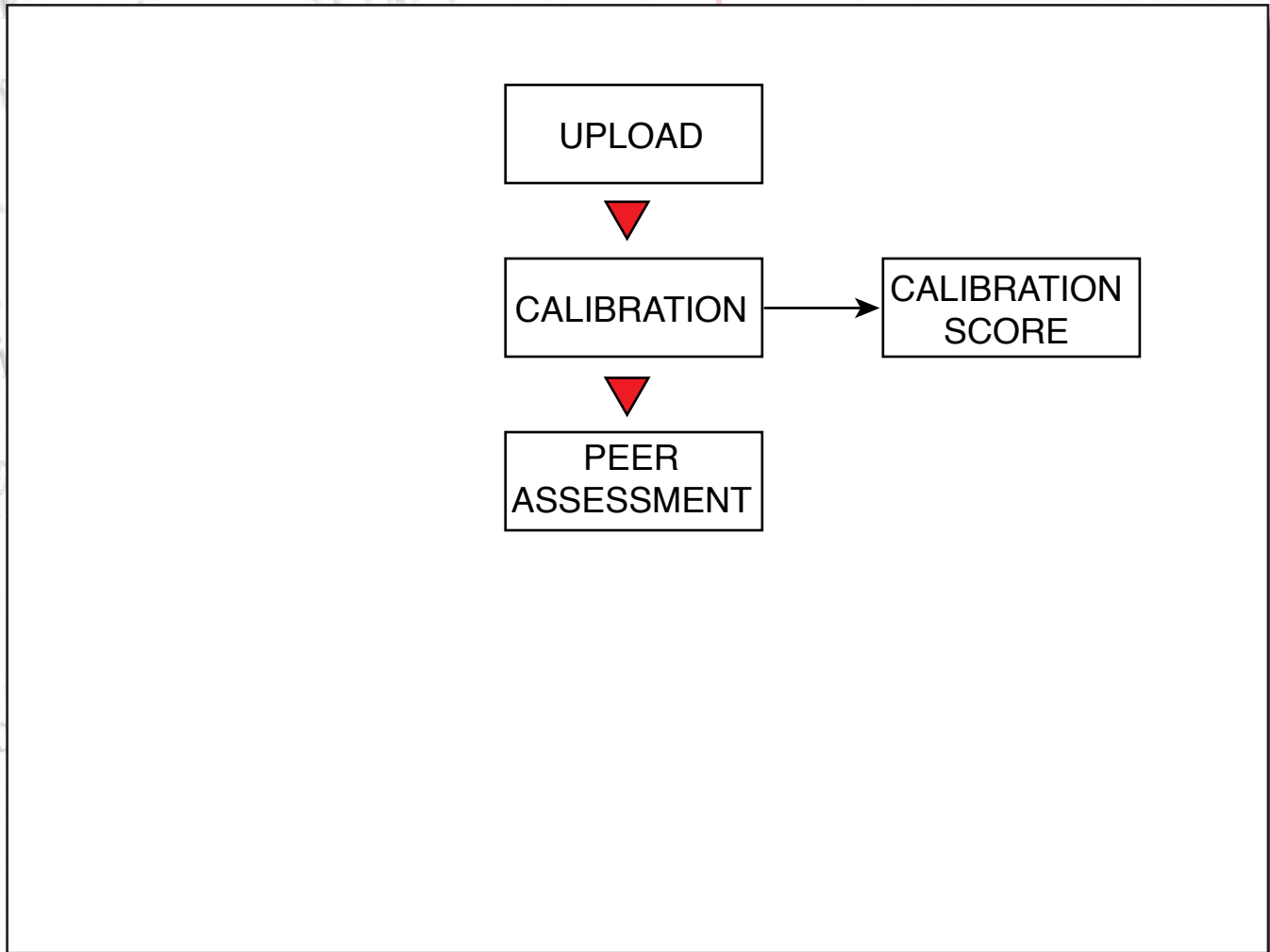
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Kinetics (both)
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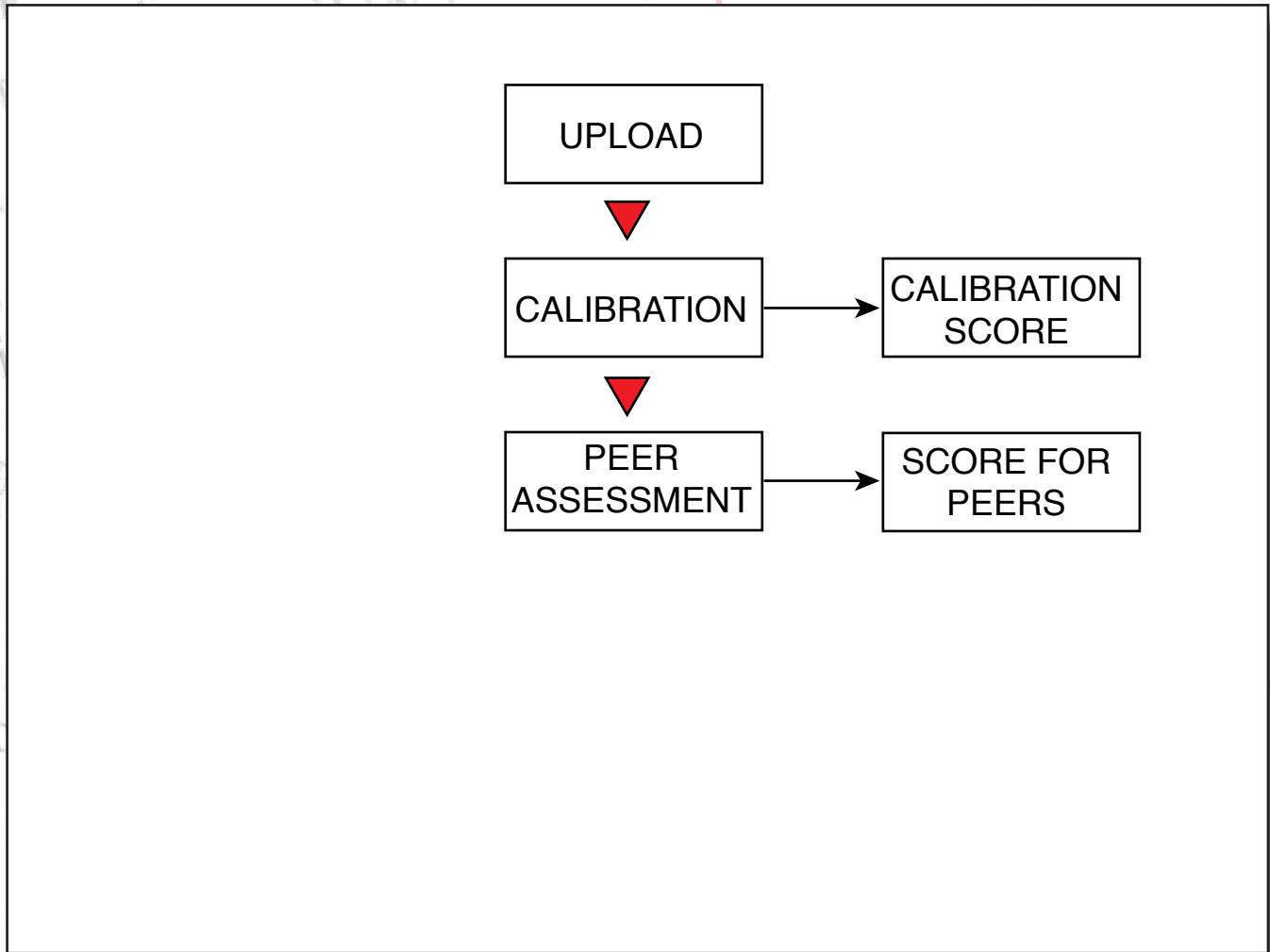
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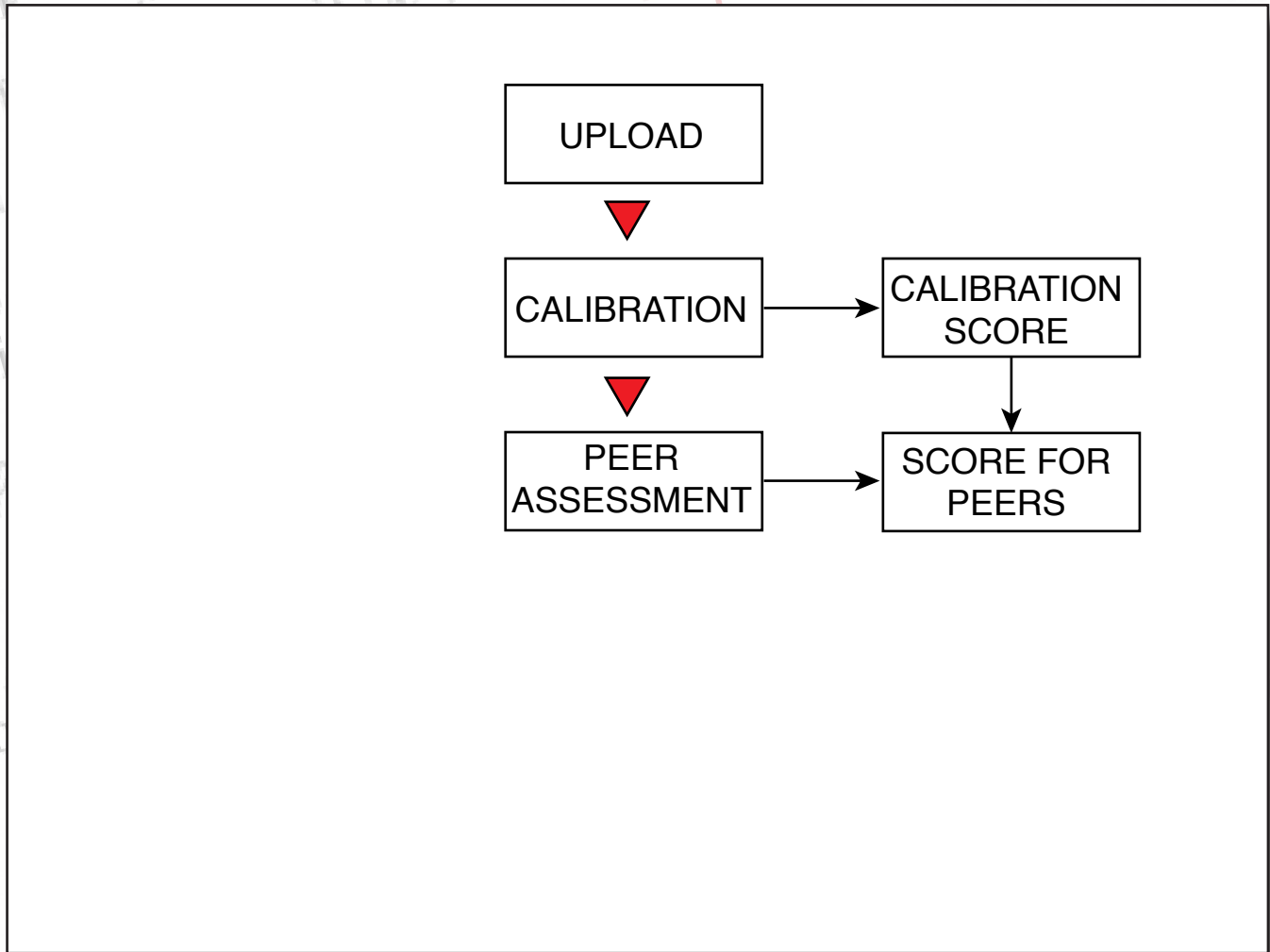


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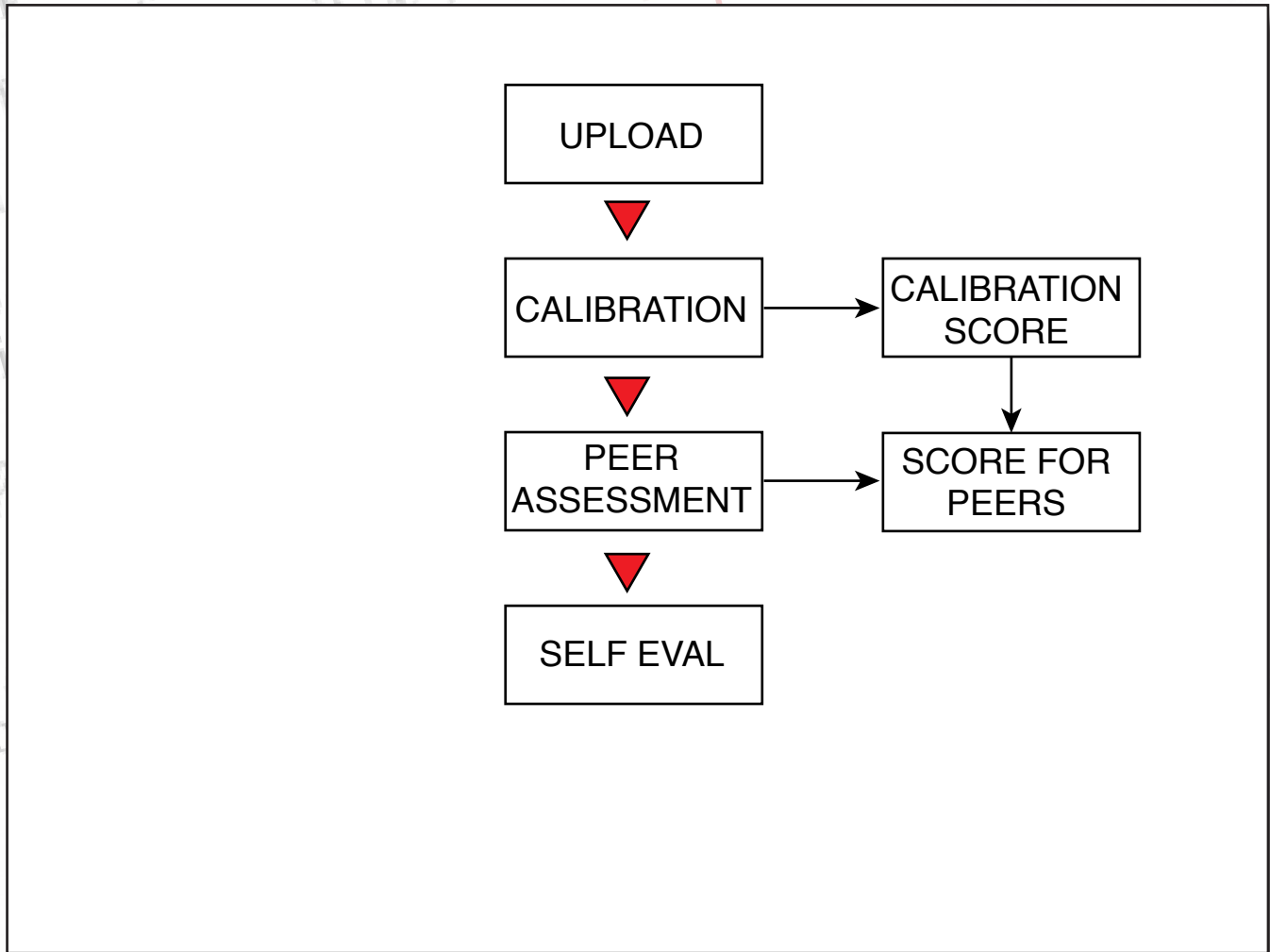
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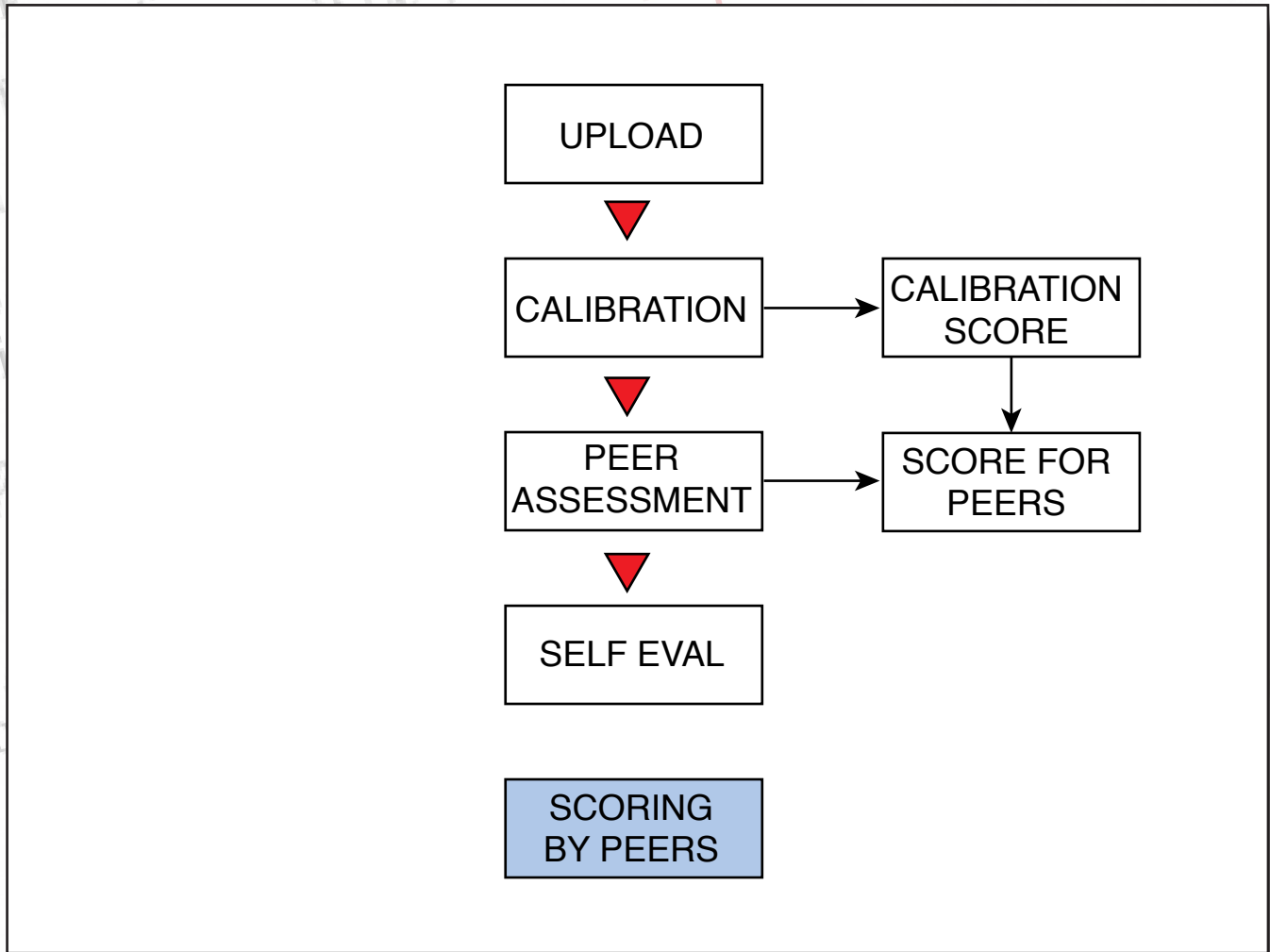
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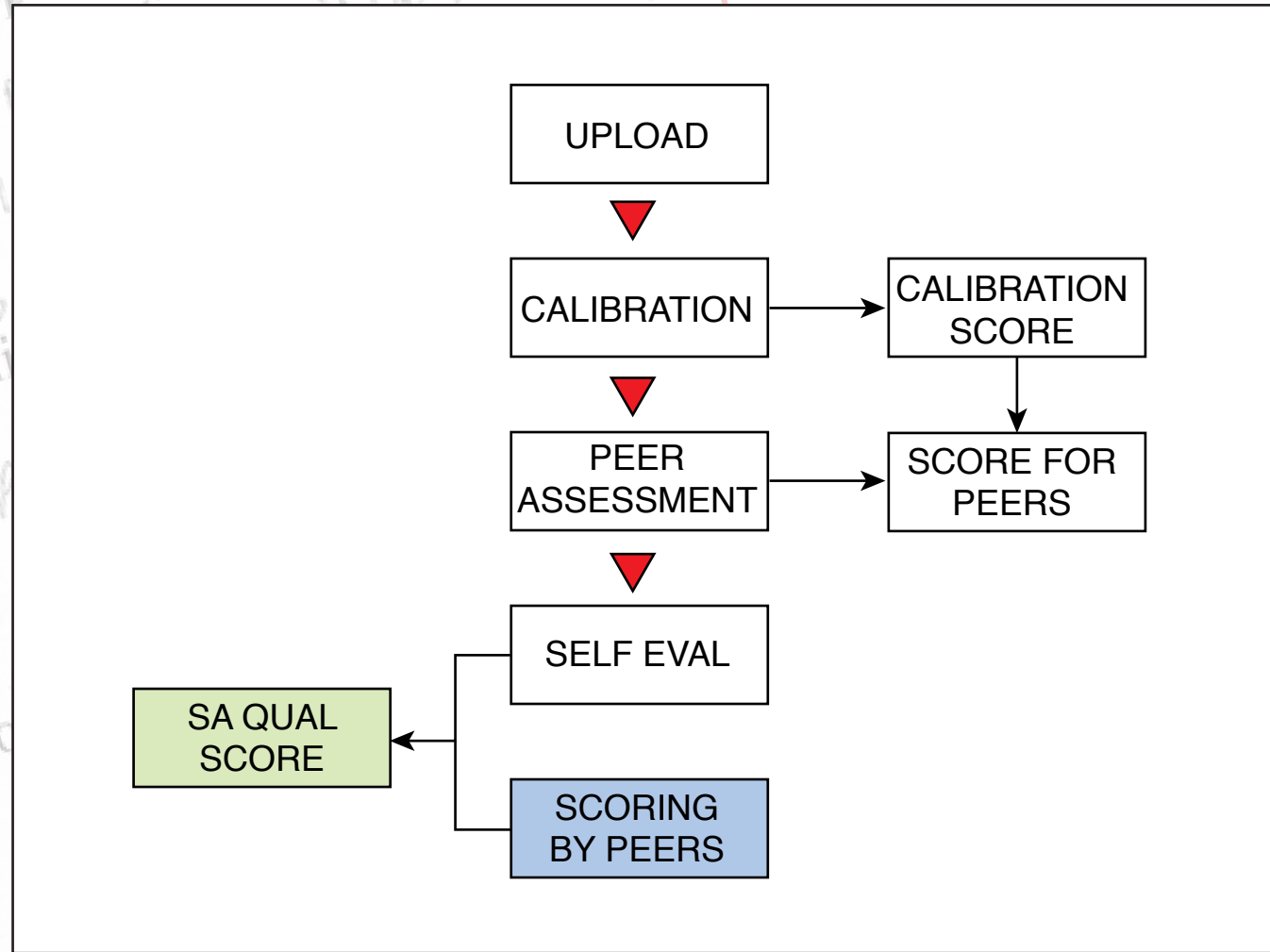


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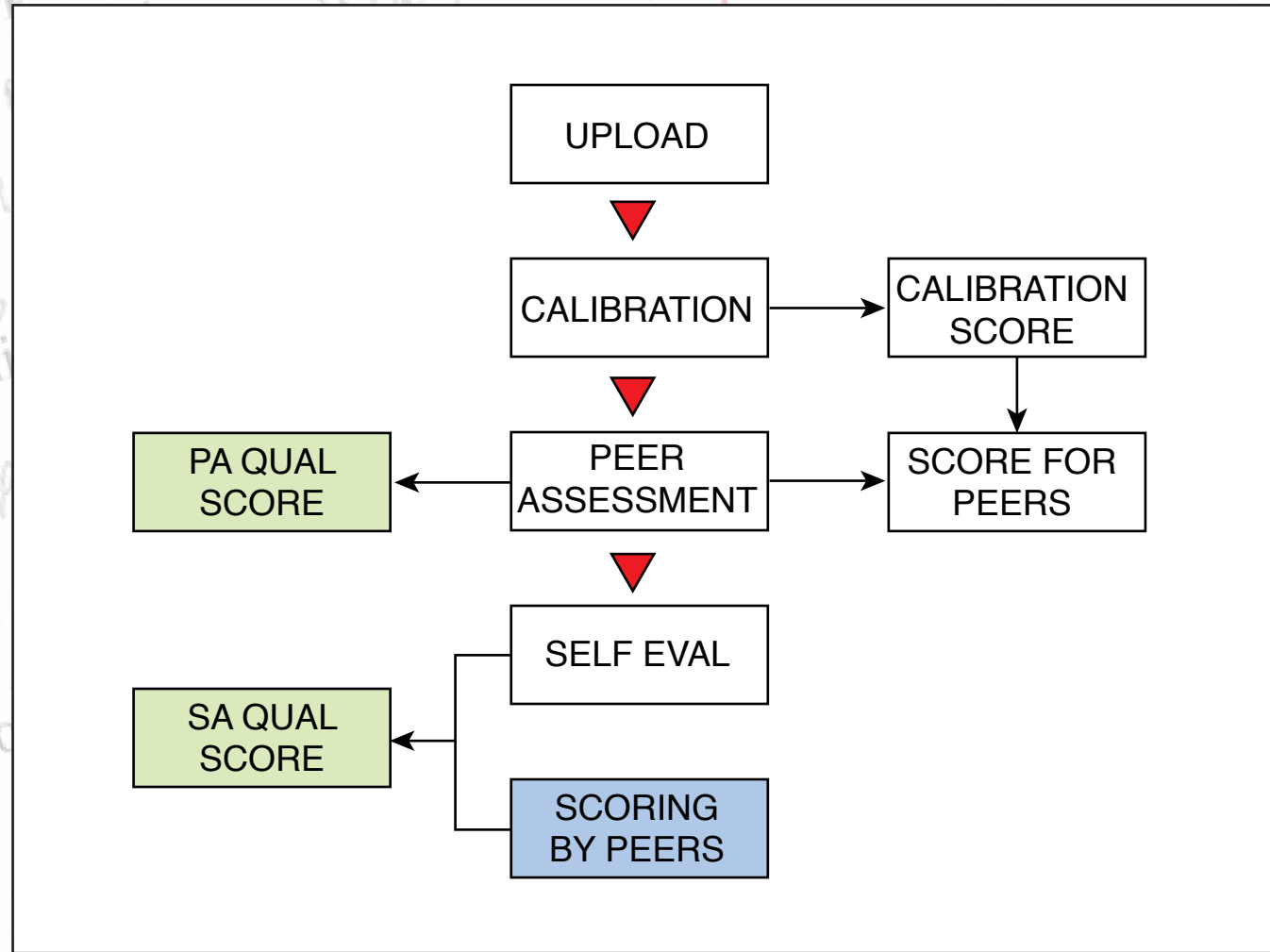
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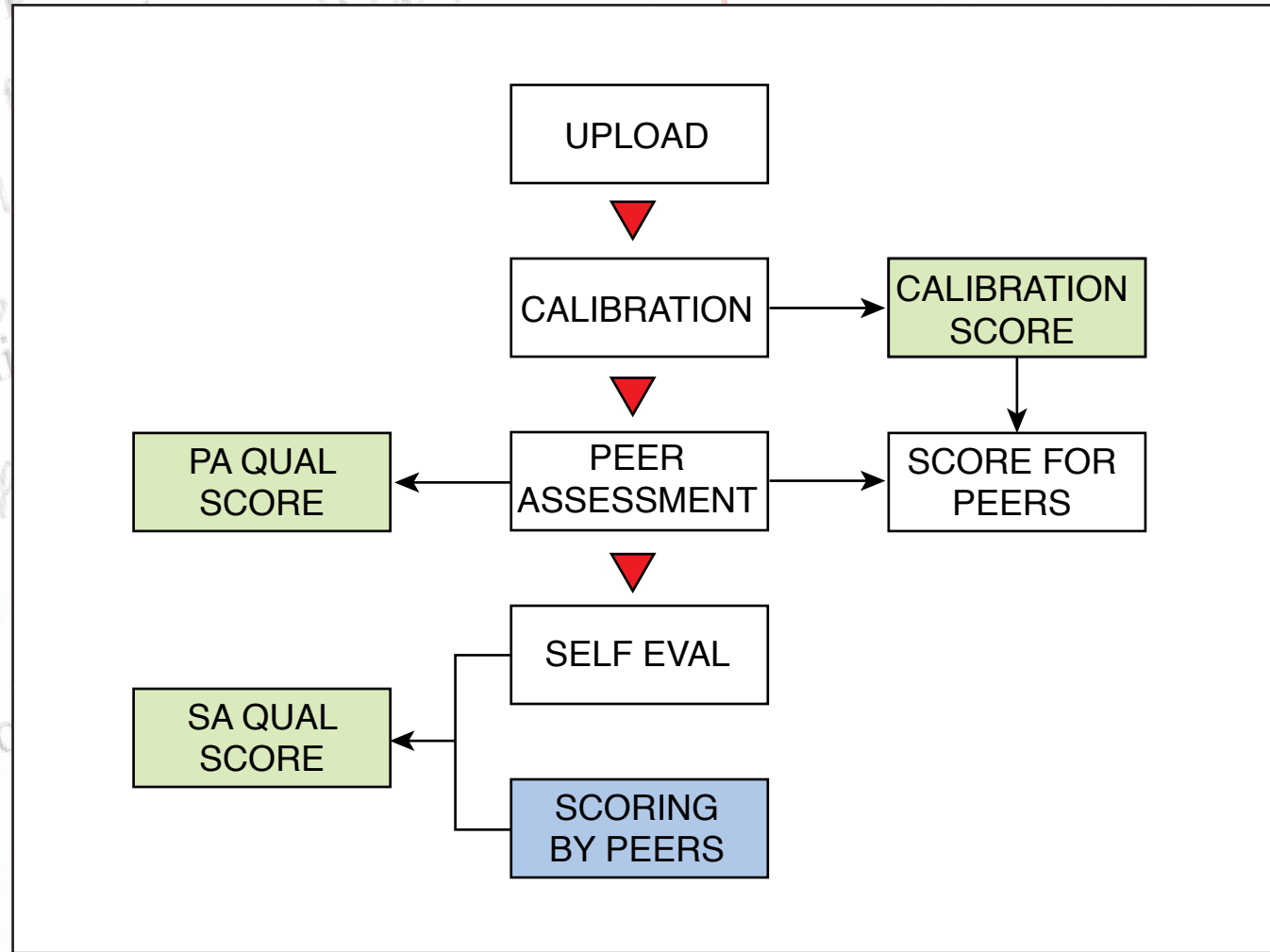
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