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kosten
1. die Kosten (pl.)
2. kostbar
krank
455
1. die Krankheit, —, —en
cow
377
magnificen
glo
1. magnifice
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428
kennen irreg.
kannte-gekannt
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endid
das Kind, —(e)s, —e
1. kindisch
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428
Verizon 3G
4:20 PM
Flashcards
Back
23 of 100
pedantic
adj. ostentatious in one's learning
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Popular
Subjects
Grade Levels
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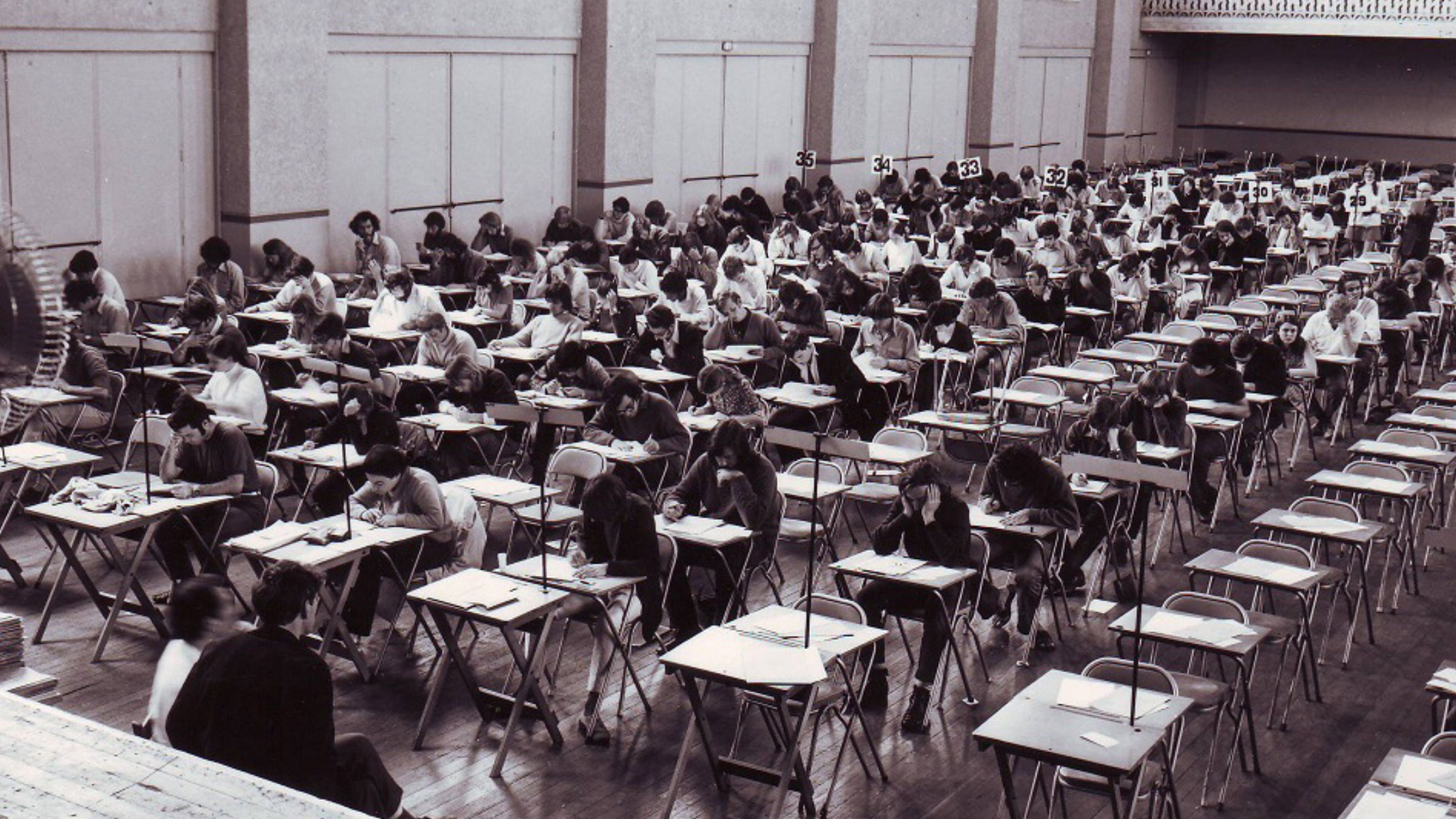
35% retained
after 1 week

we only guarantee they'll pass the test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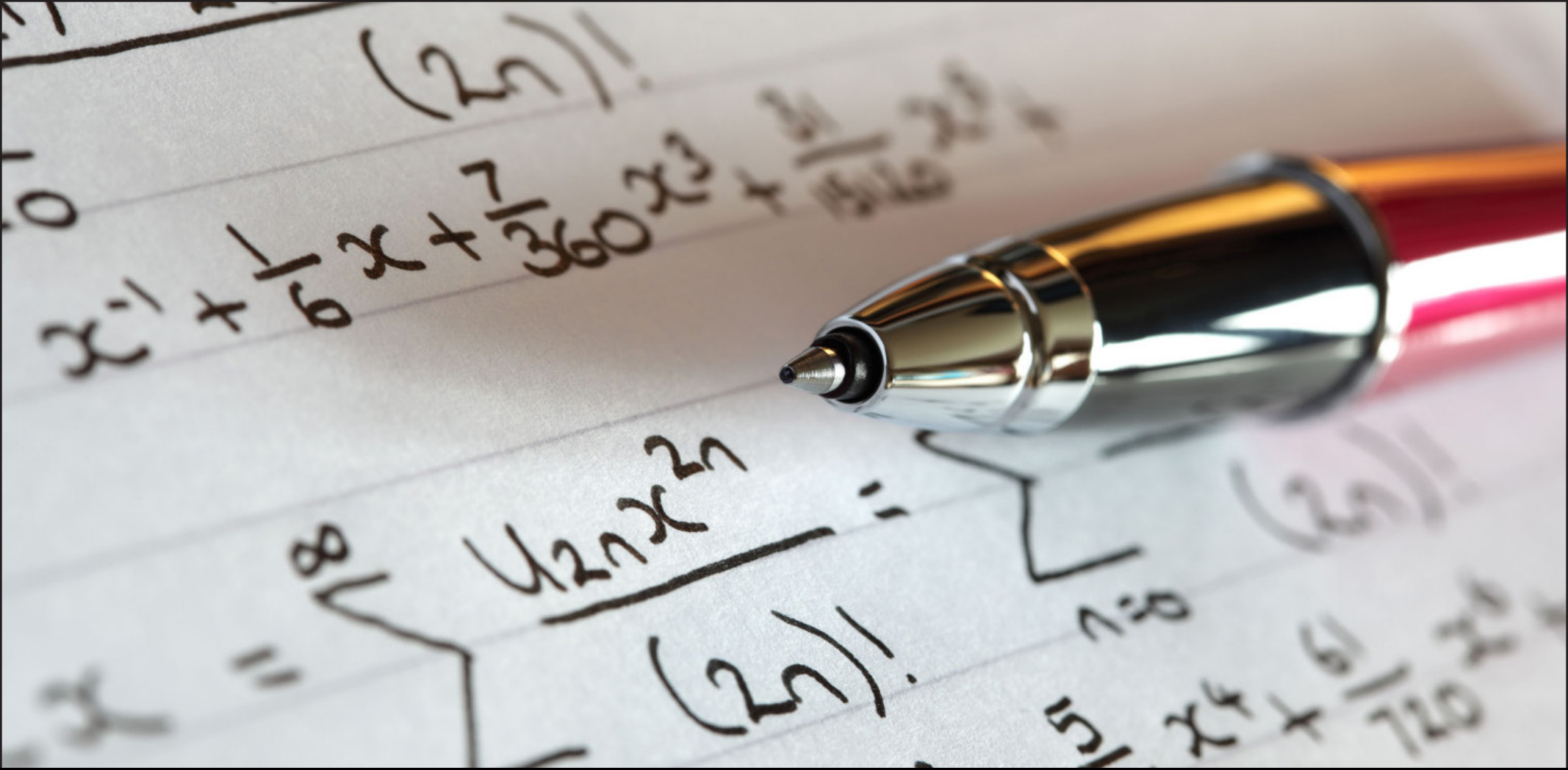
not on developing 21st century skills



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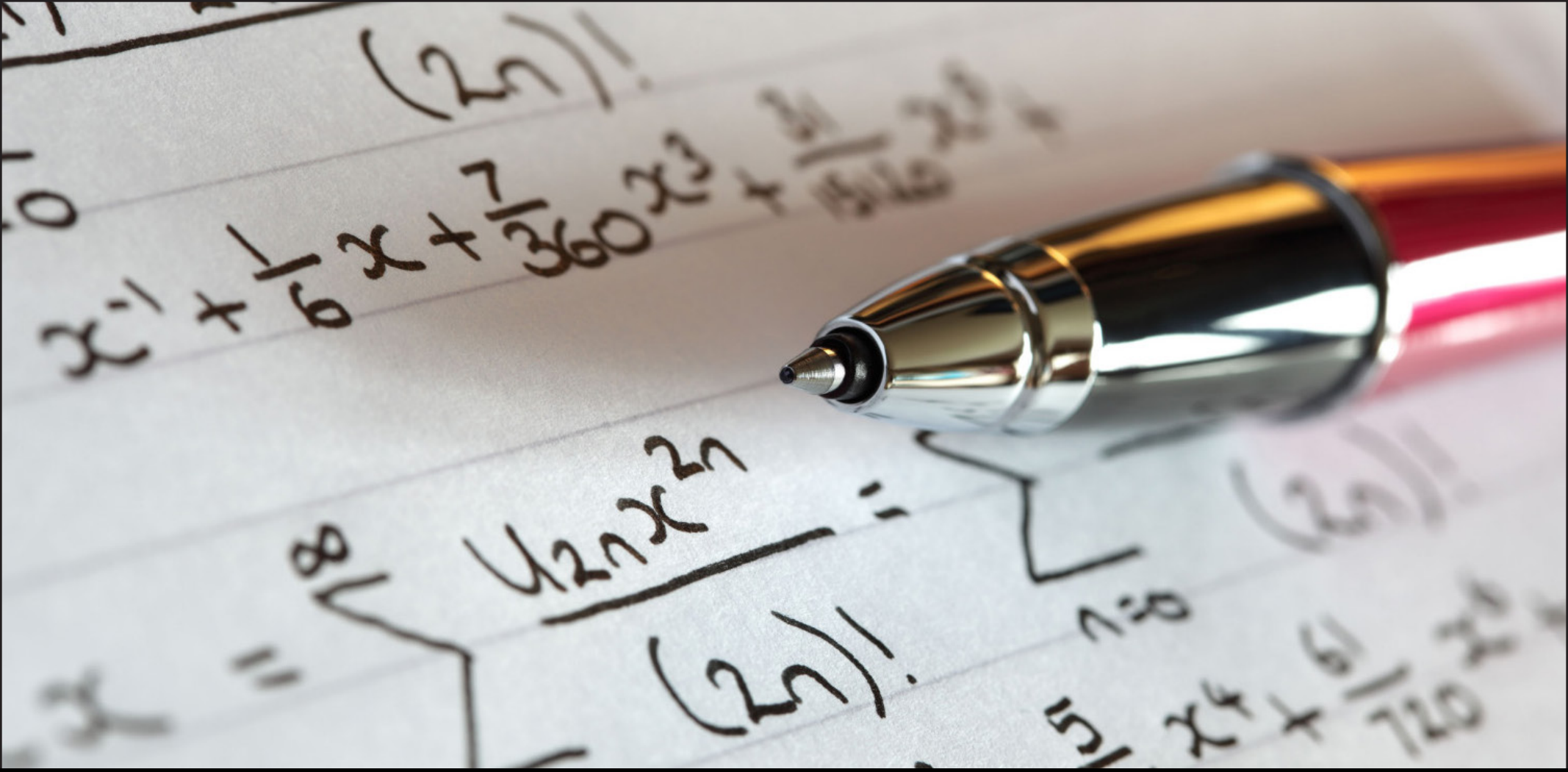

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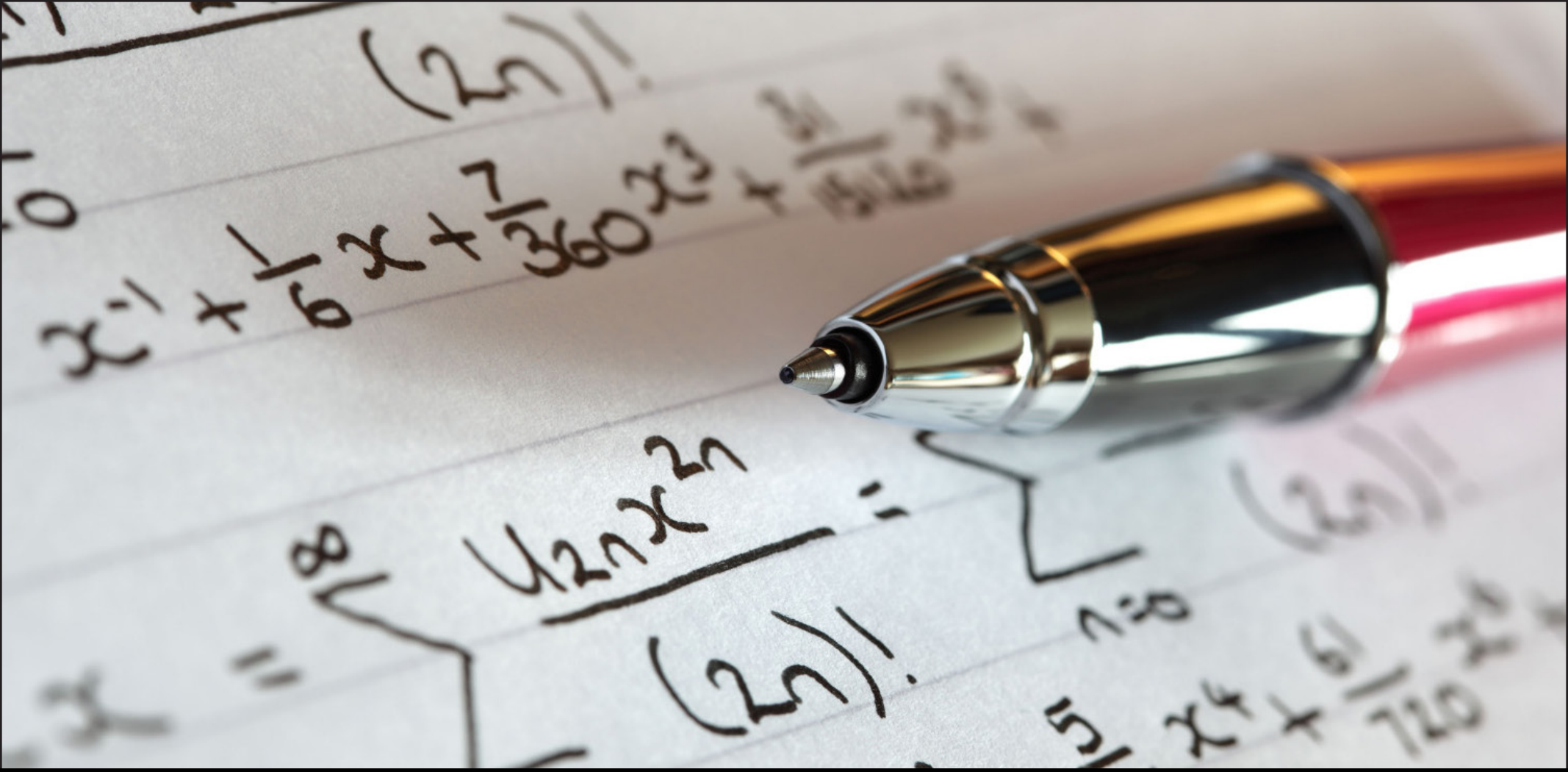

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how many different purposes of assessment can you think of?

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

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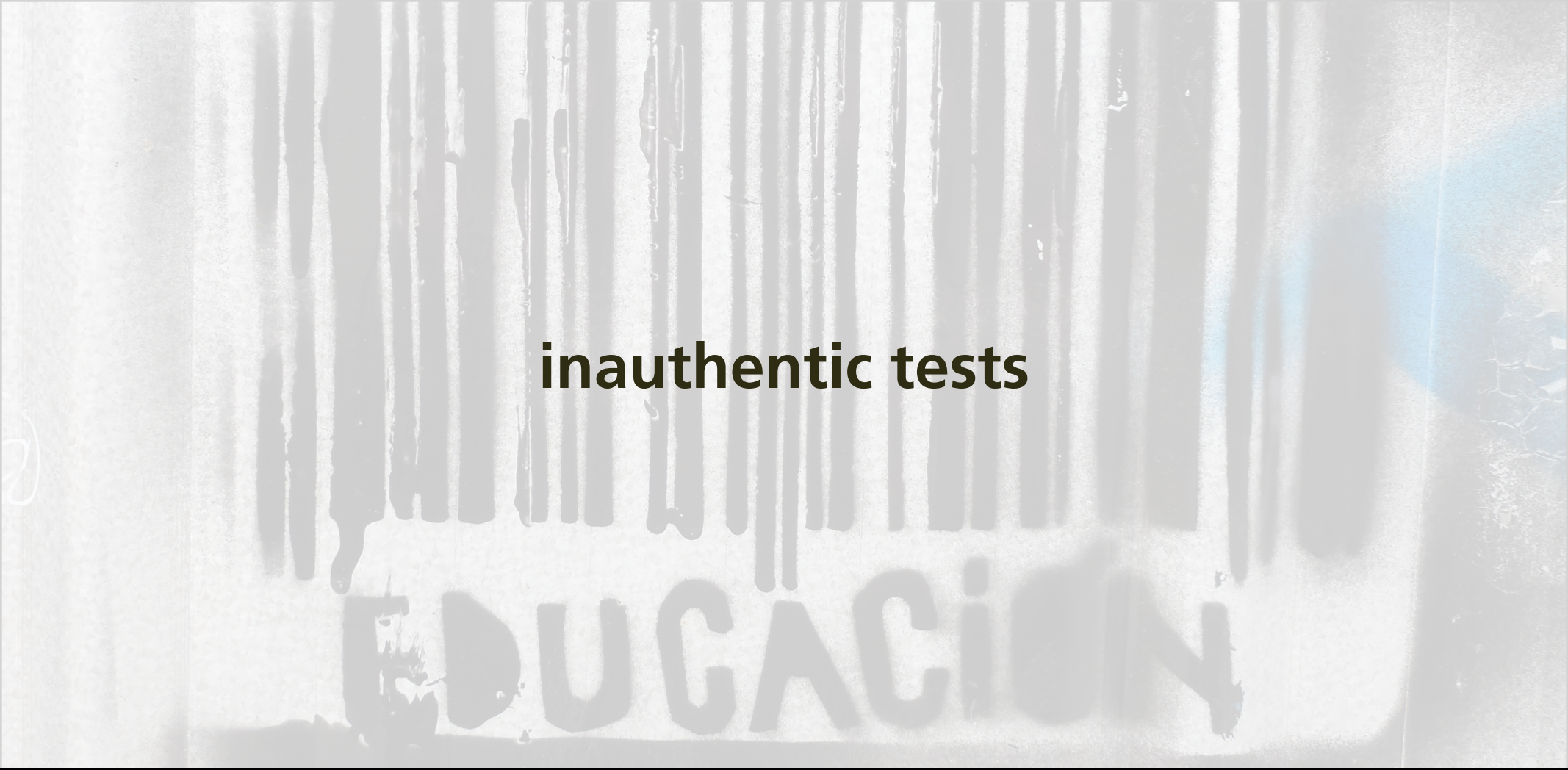

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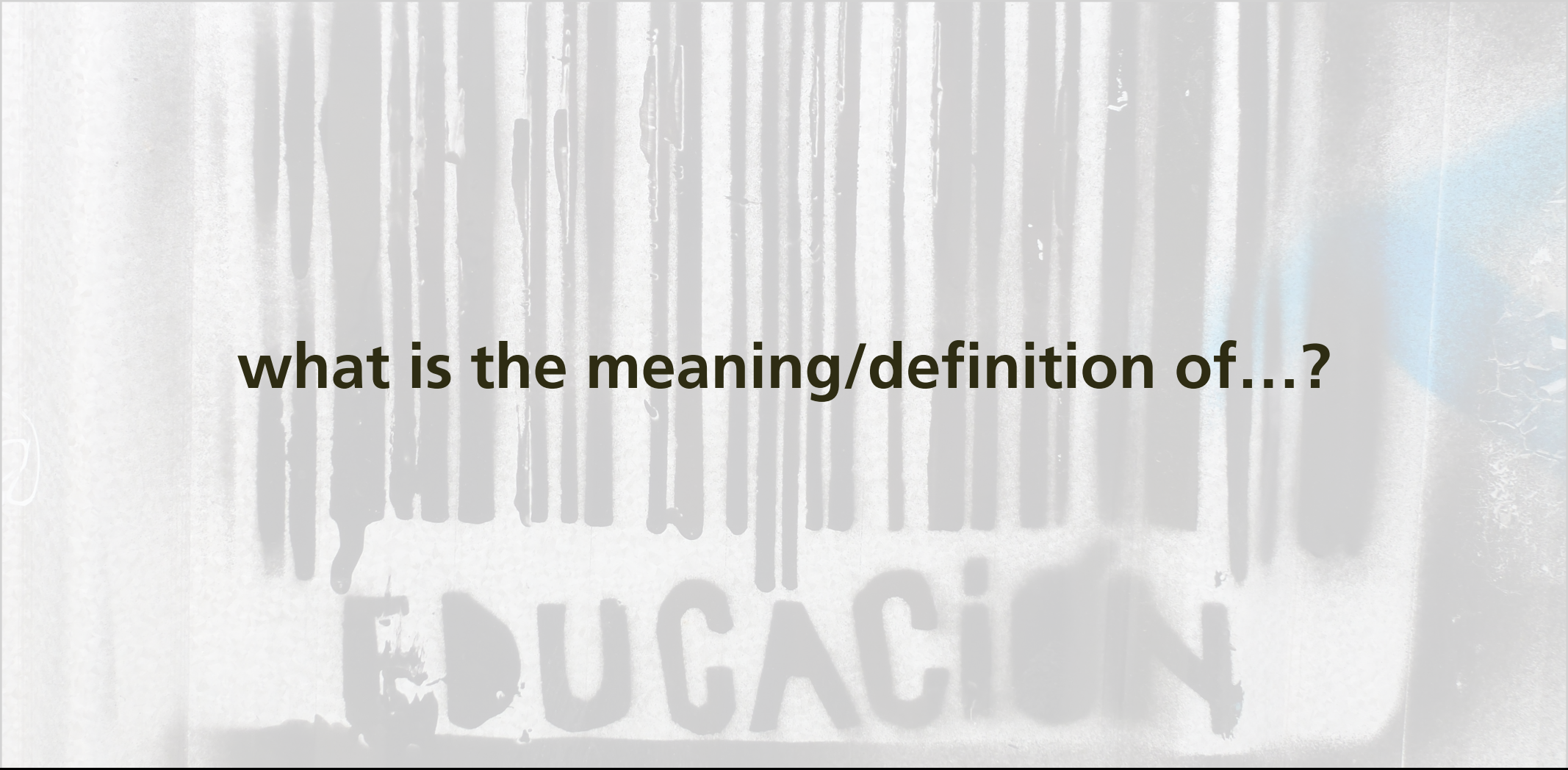

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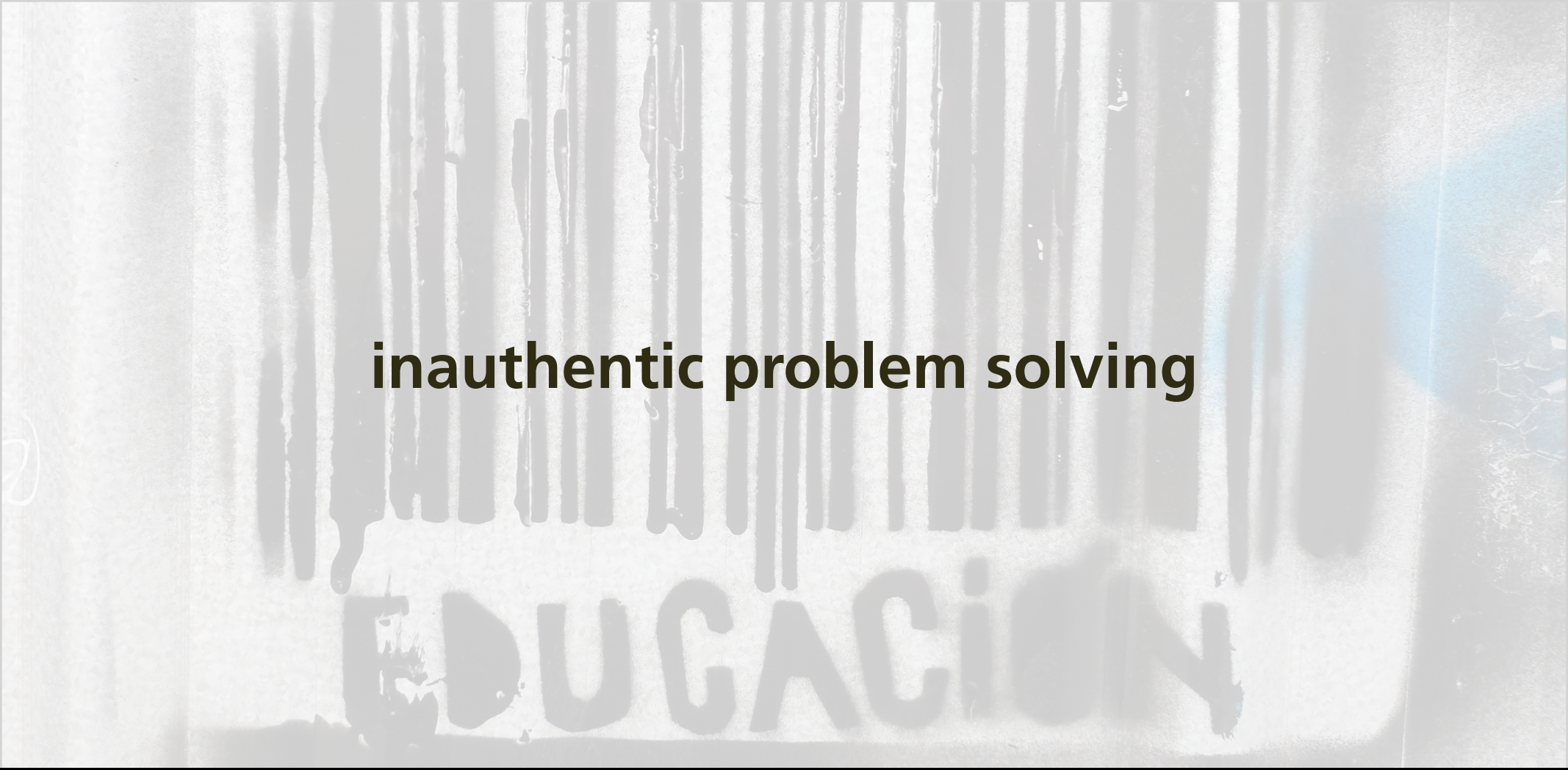

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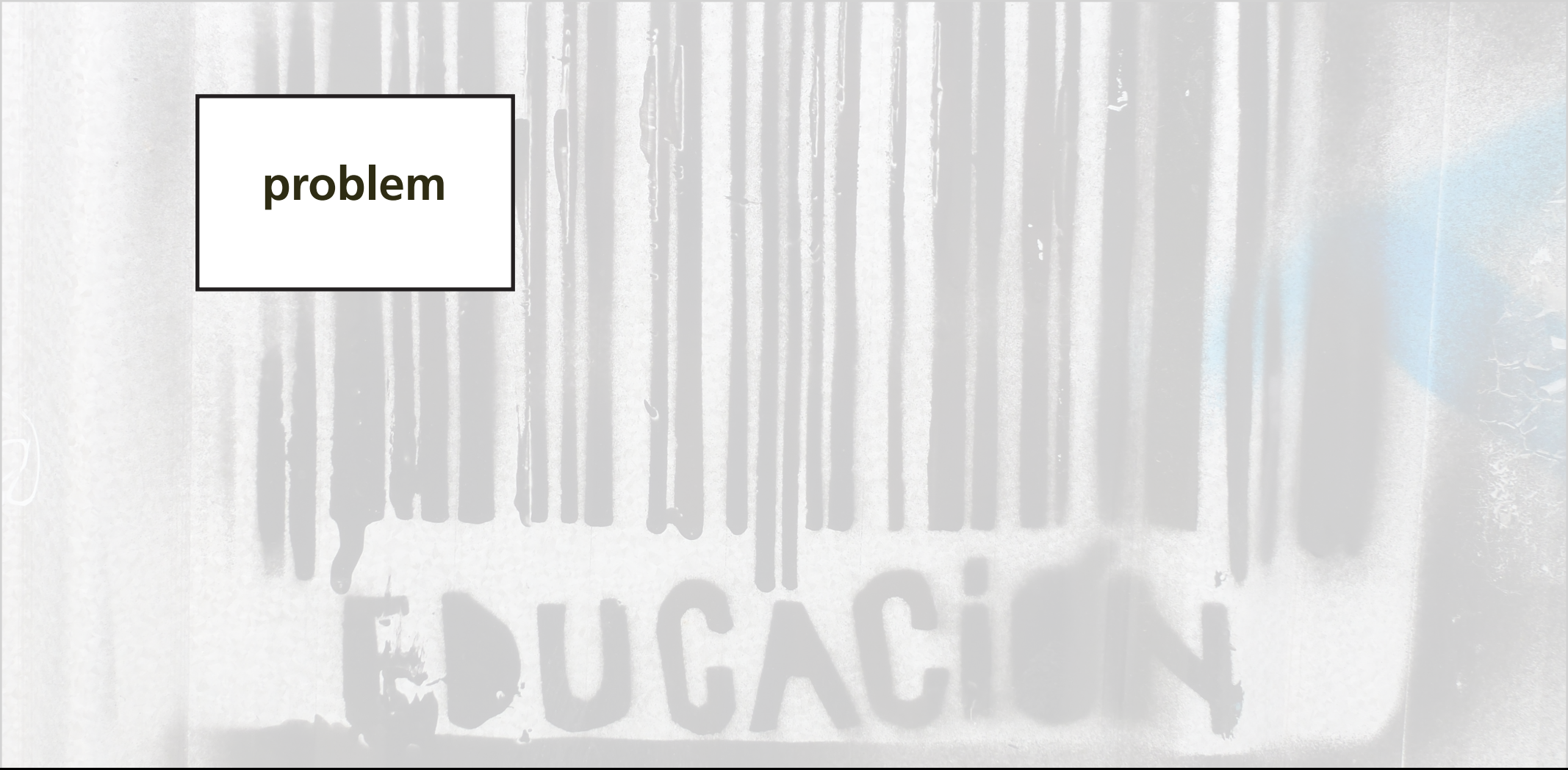

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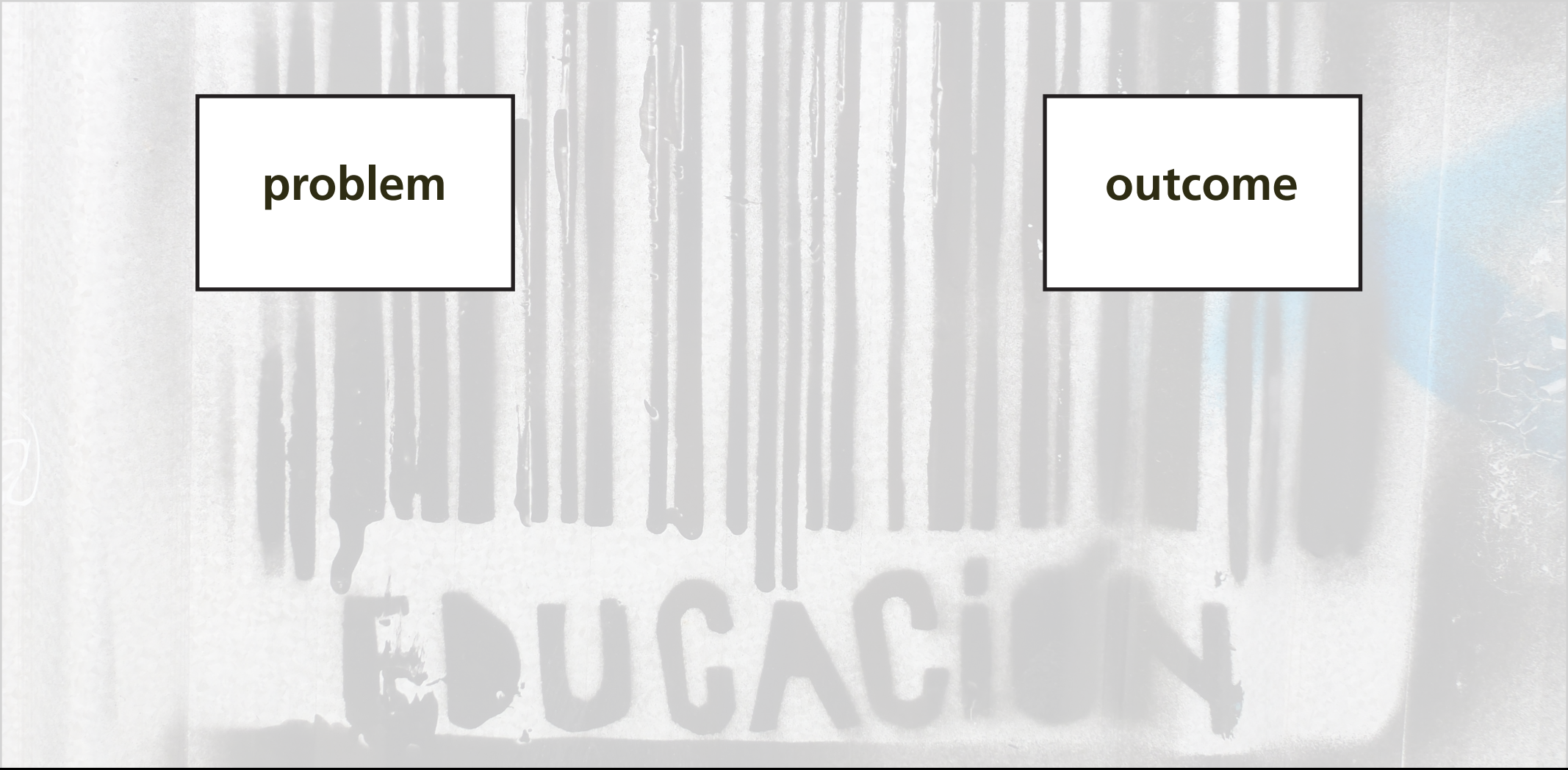

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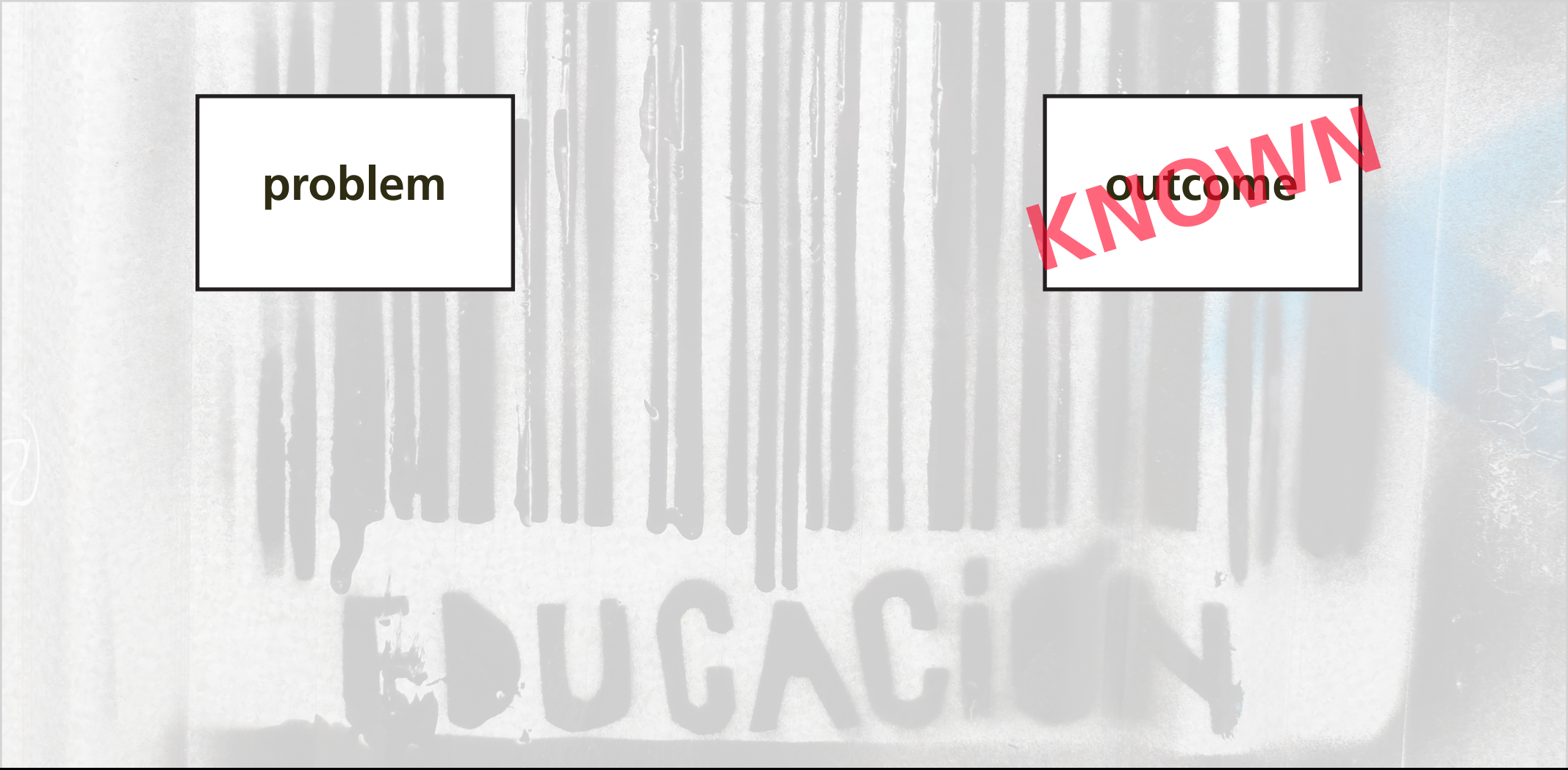

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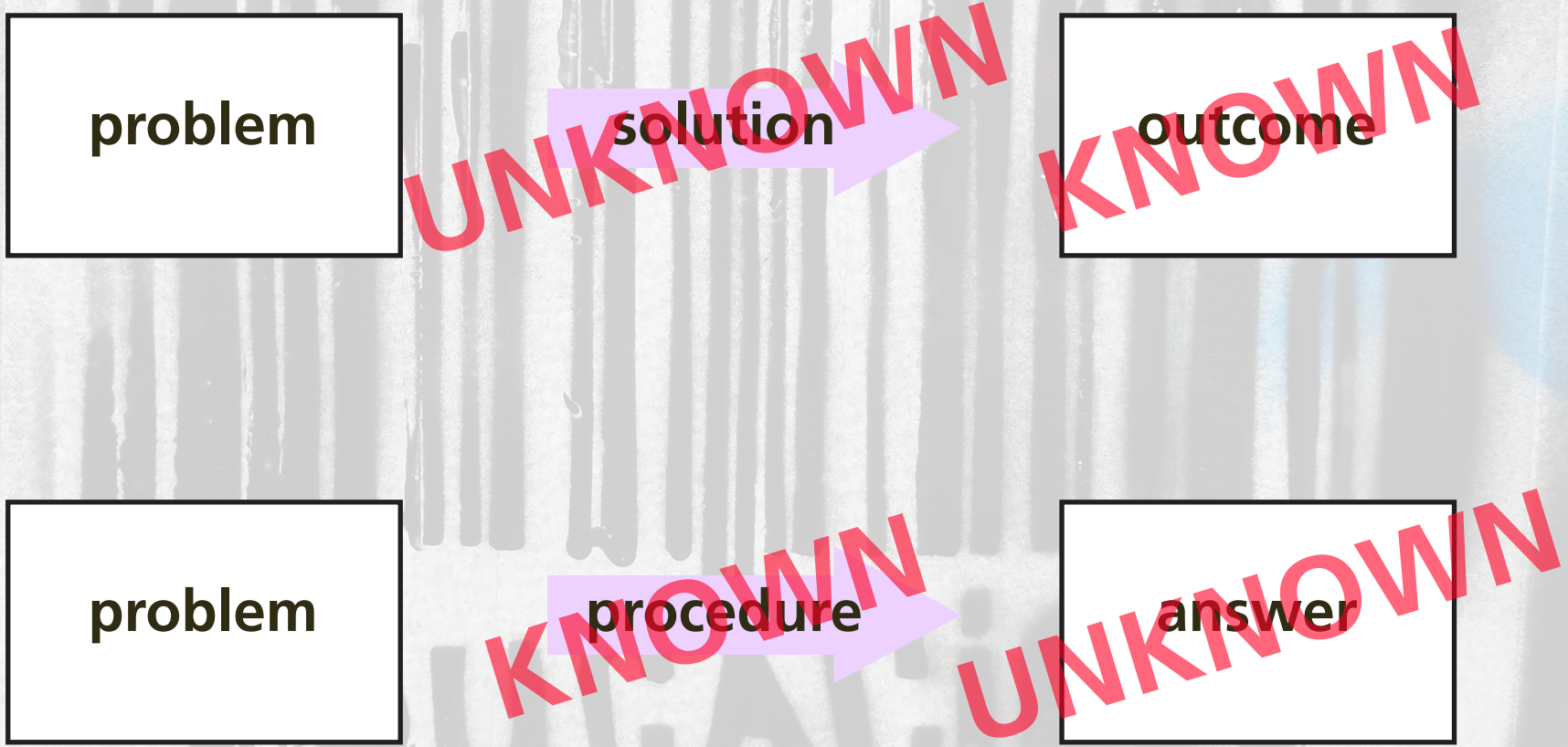

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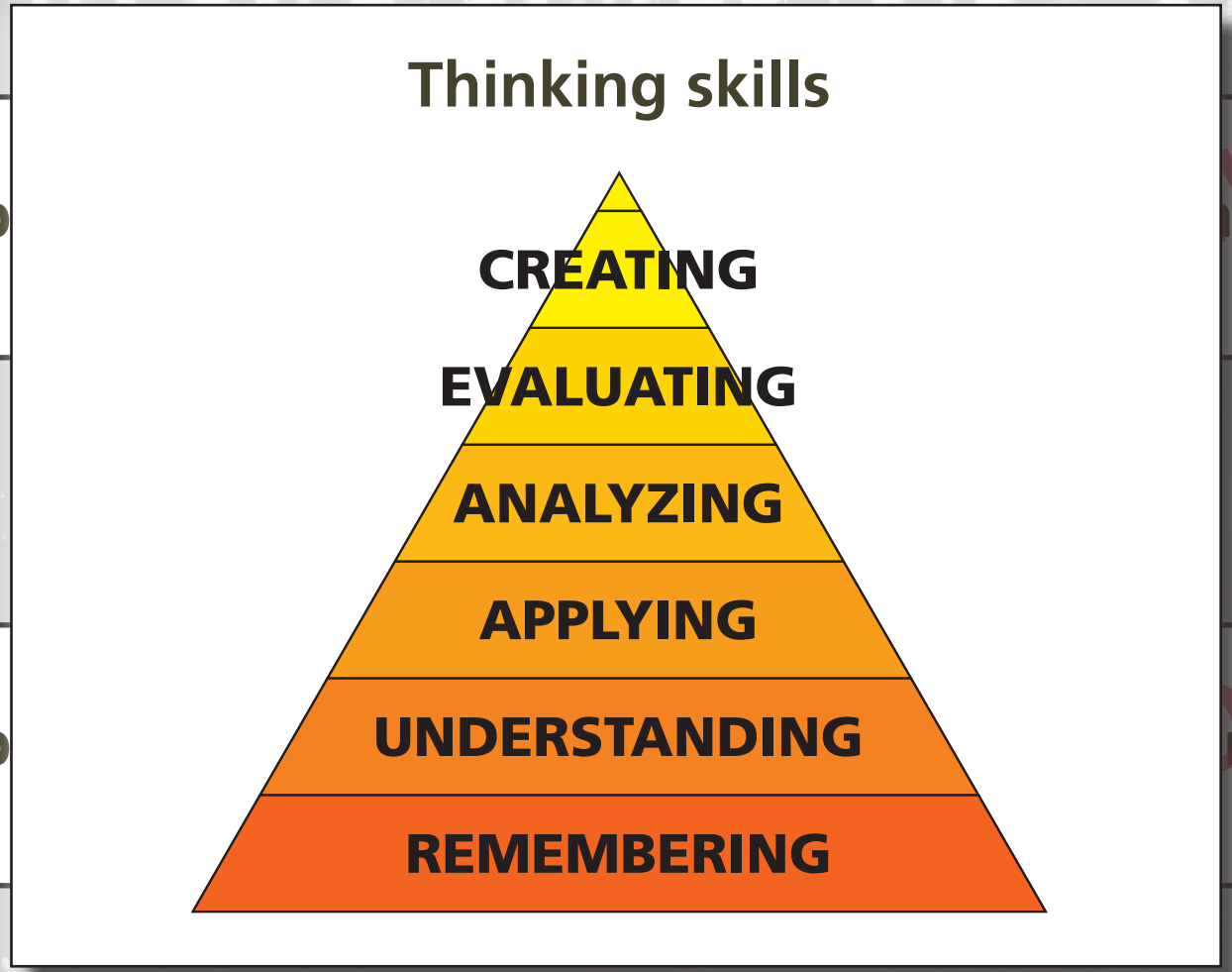

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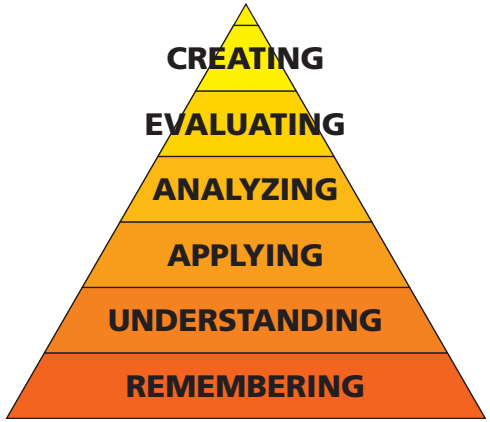

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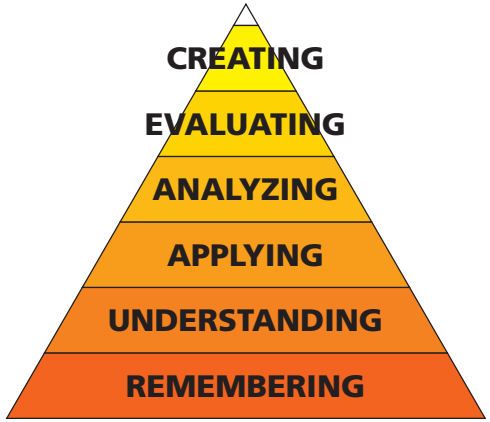

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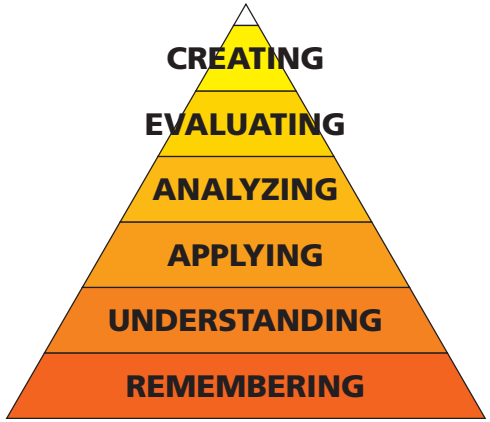

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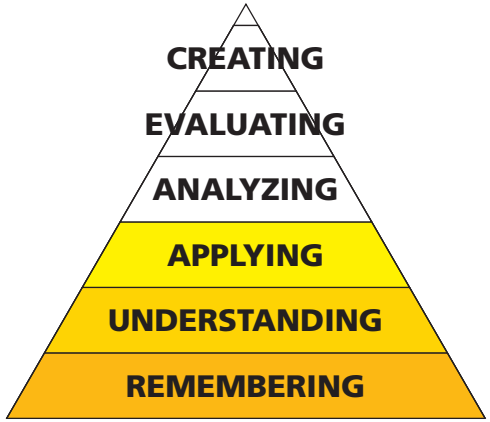

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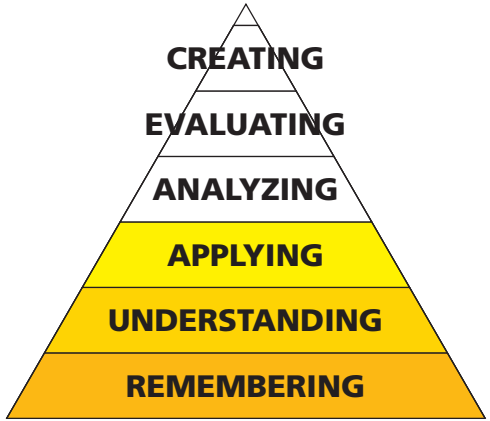

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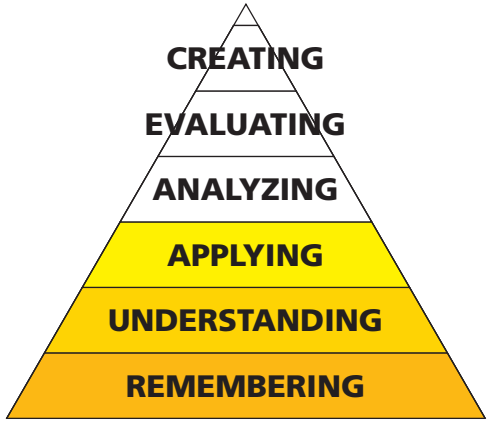

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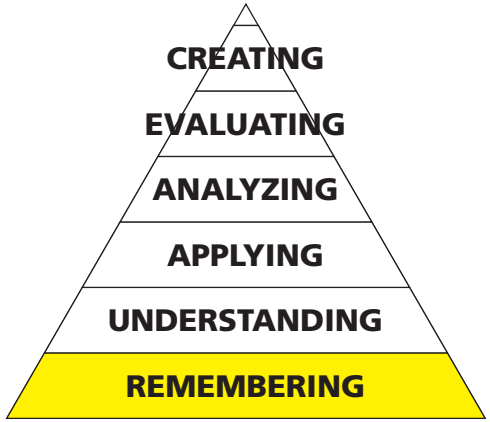

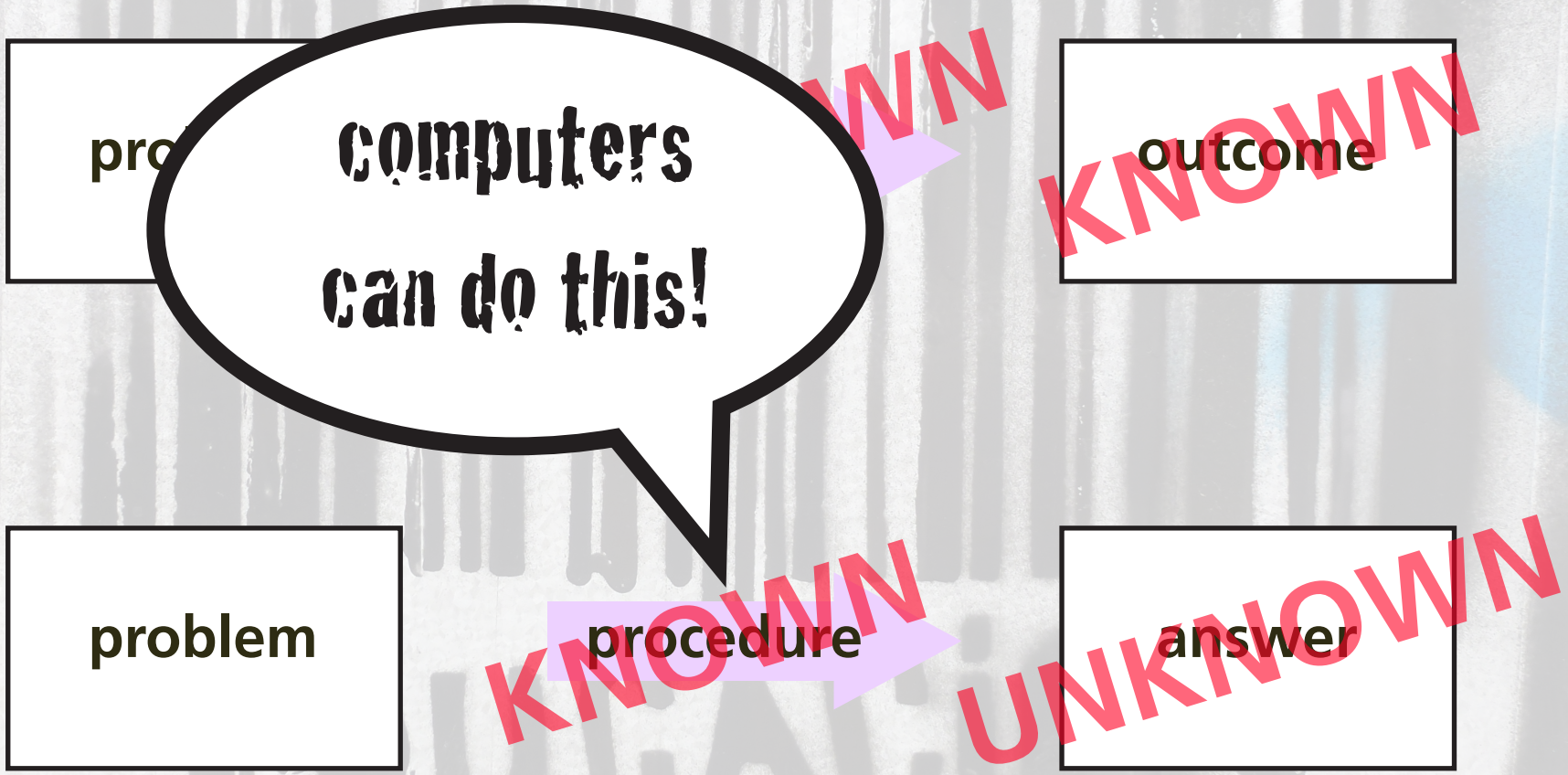

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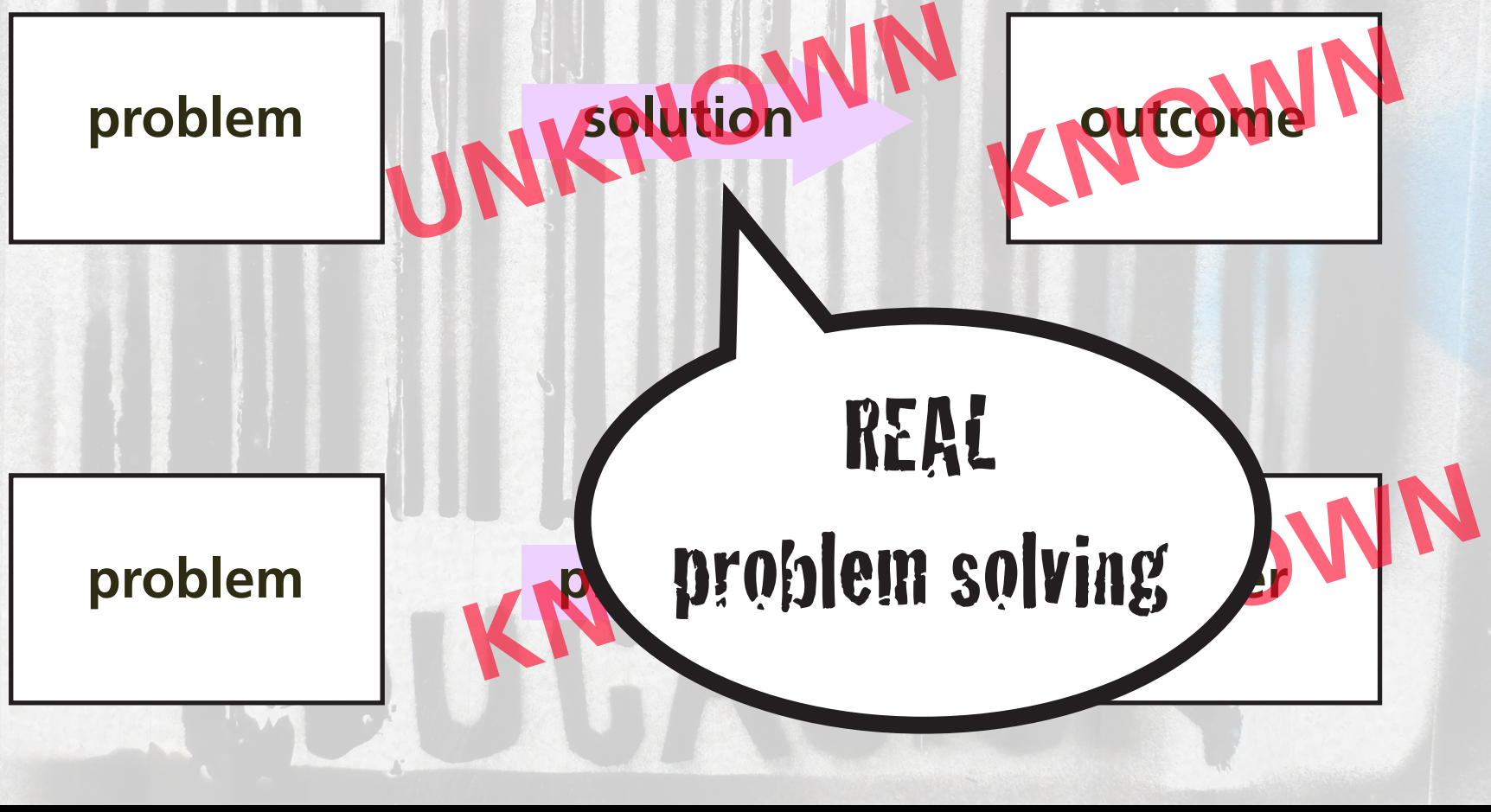

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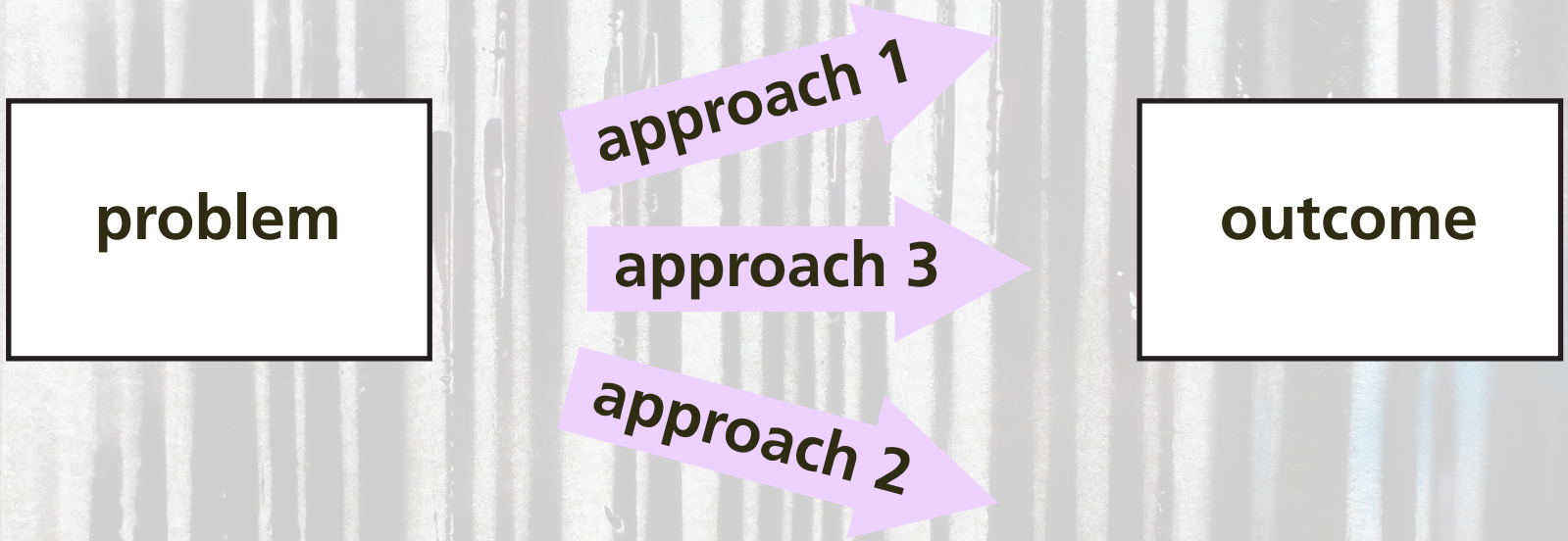

grading incompatible with real problem solving

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Math. 302-02, Final Exam

(4) We will use spherical coordinates:

$0 \le \rho \le 4$, $0 \le \theta \le 2\pi$, $0 \le \varphi \le \pi$. The integral is thus:

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Final Exam

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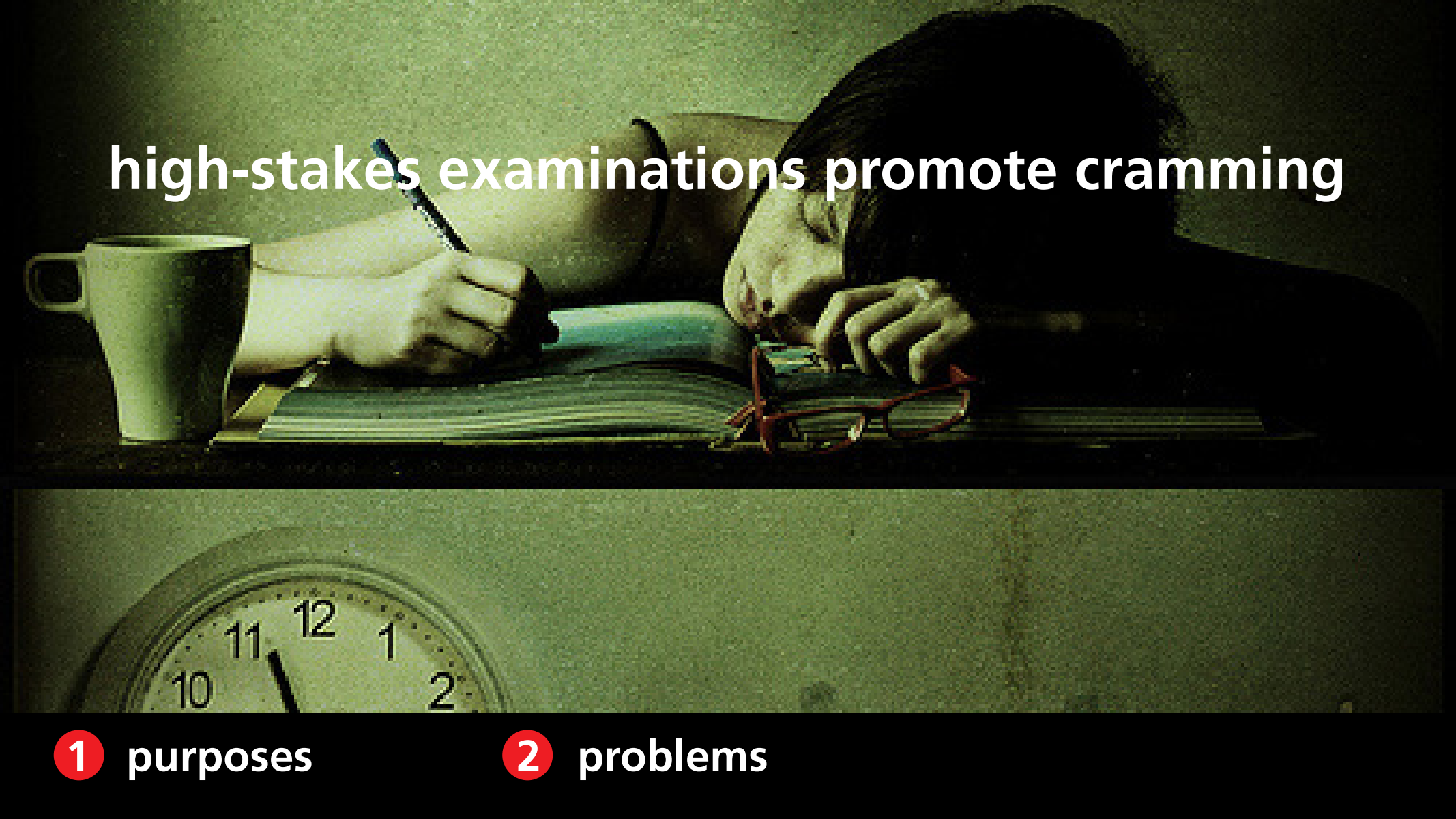
high-stakes examinations promote cramming
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information stored in short-term memory

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grades: measure of standing relative to others

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feedback: reflection on what has been learnt

1 purposes 2 problems

assessment produces a conflict

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coach or judge?

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conflict resolved by:

objectivity (fairness, reliability)

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… but …

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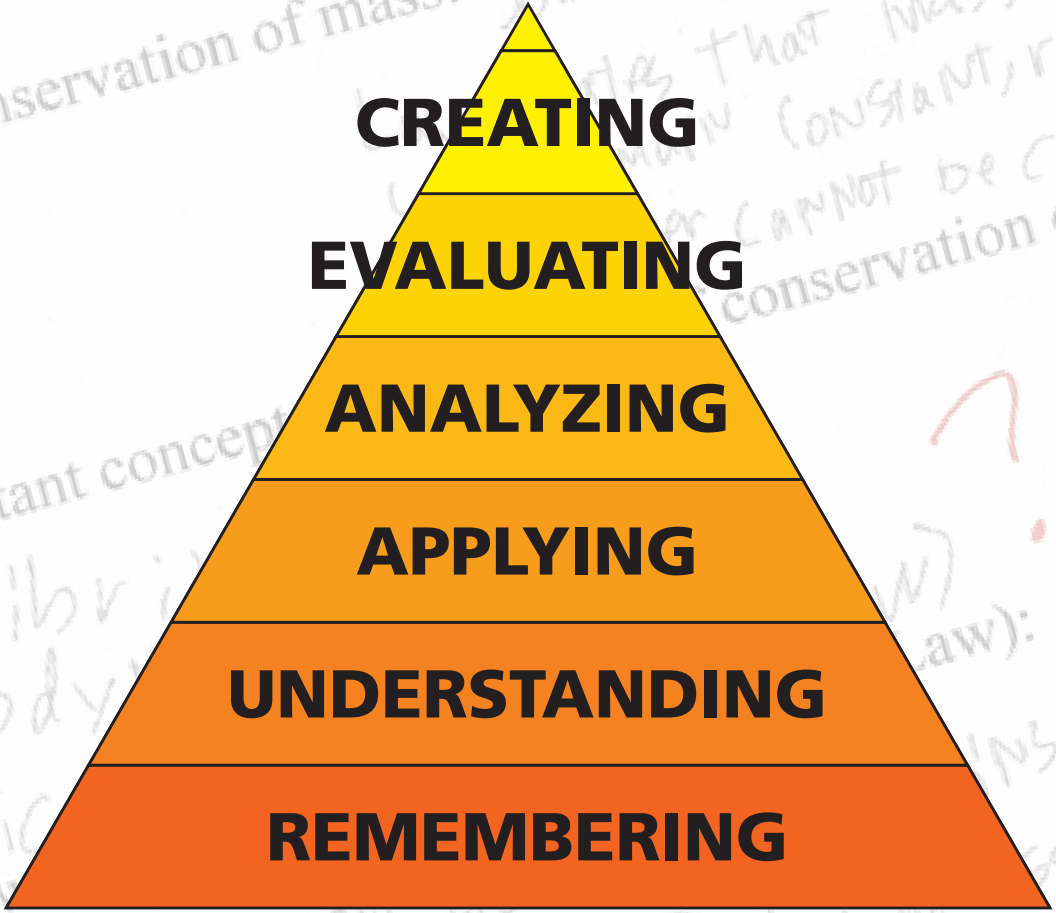

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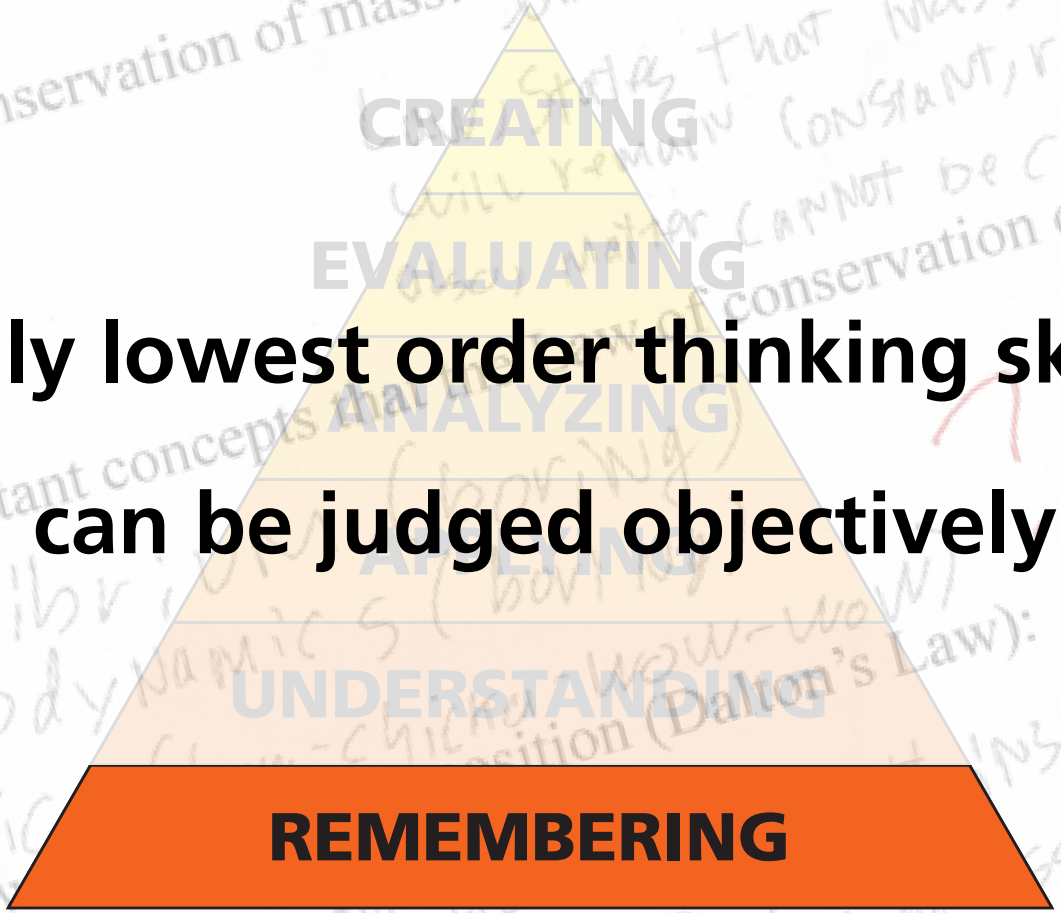

only lowest order thinking skills

can be judged objectively

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and then there is…

- grade inflation
- cheating

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open-book exam

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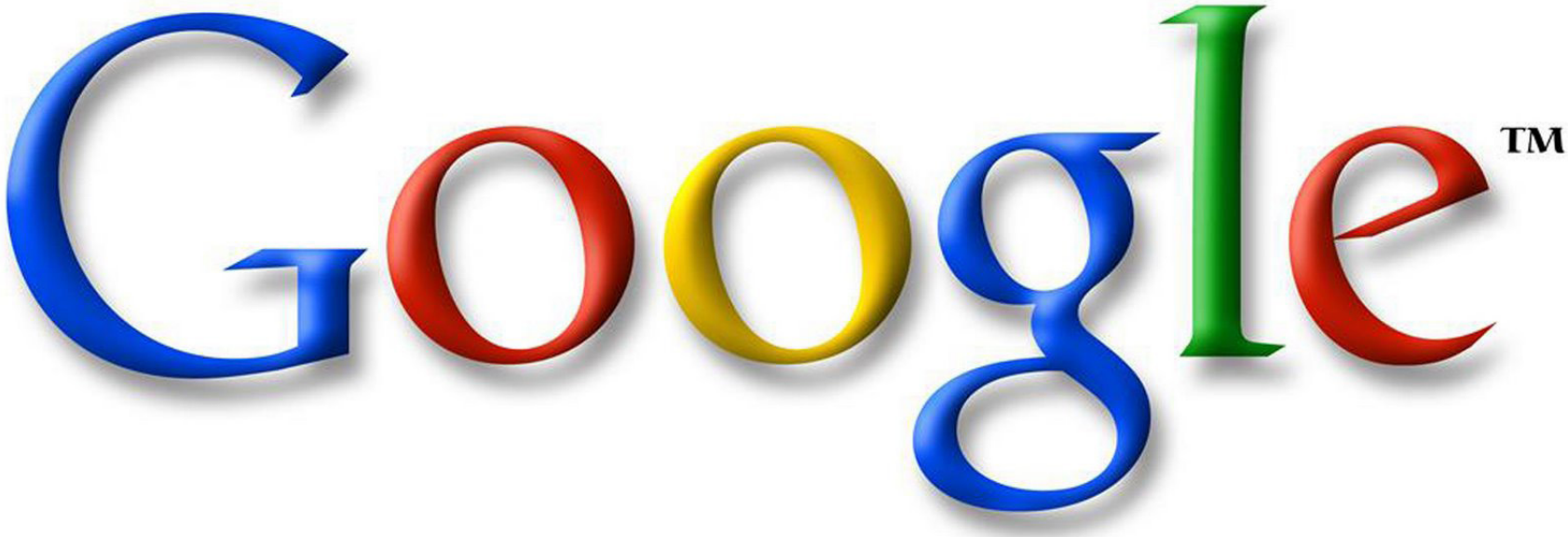

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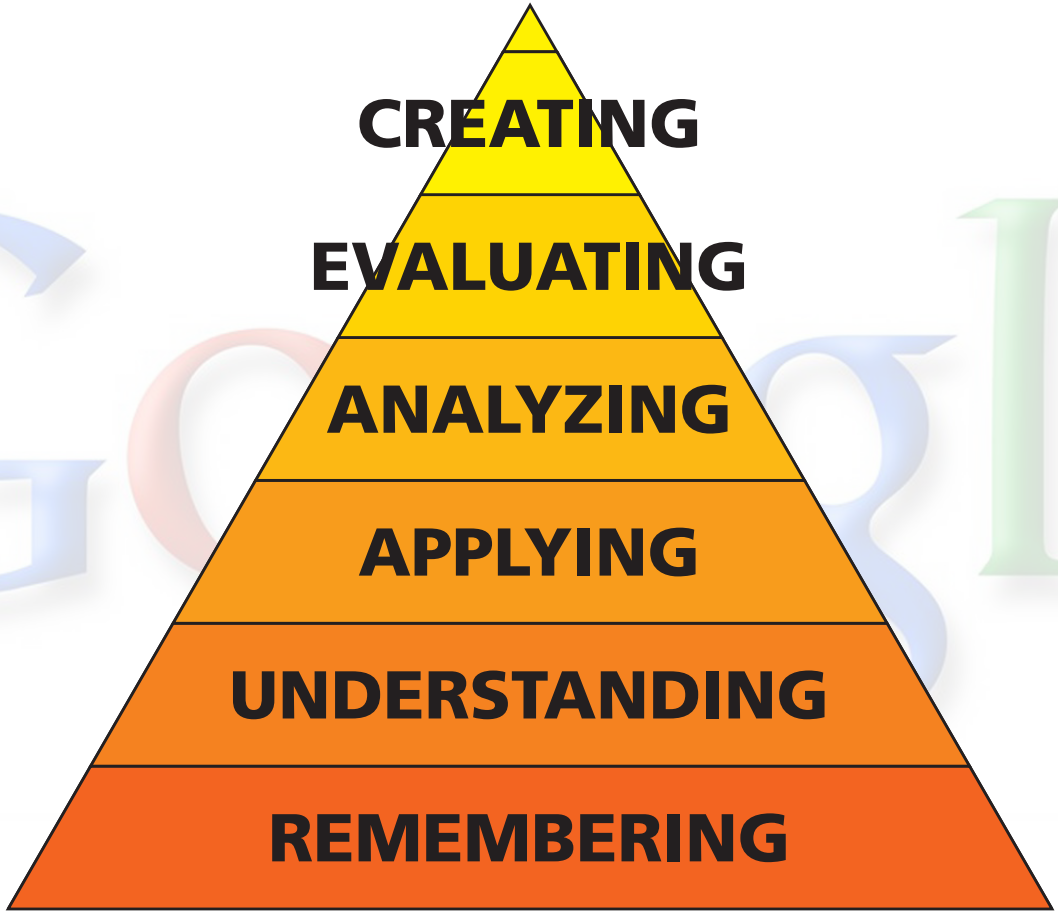

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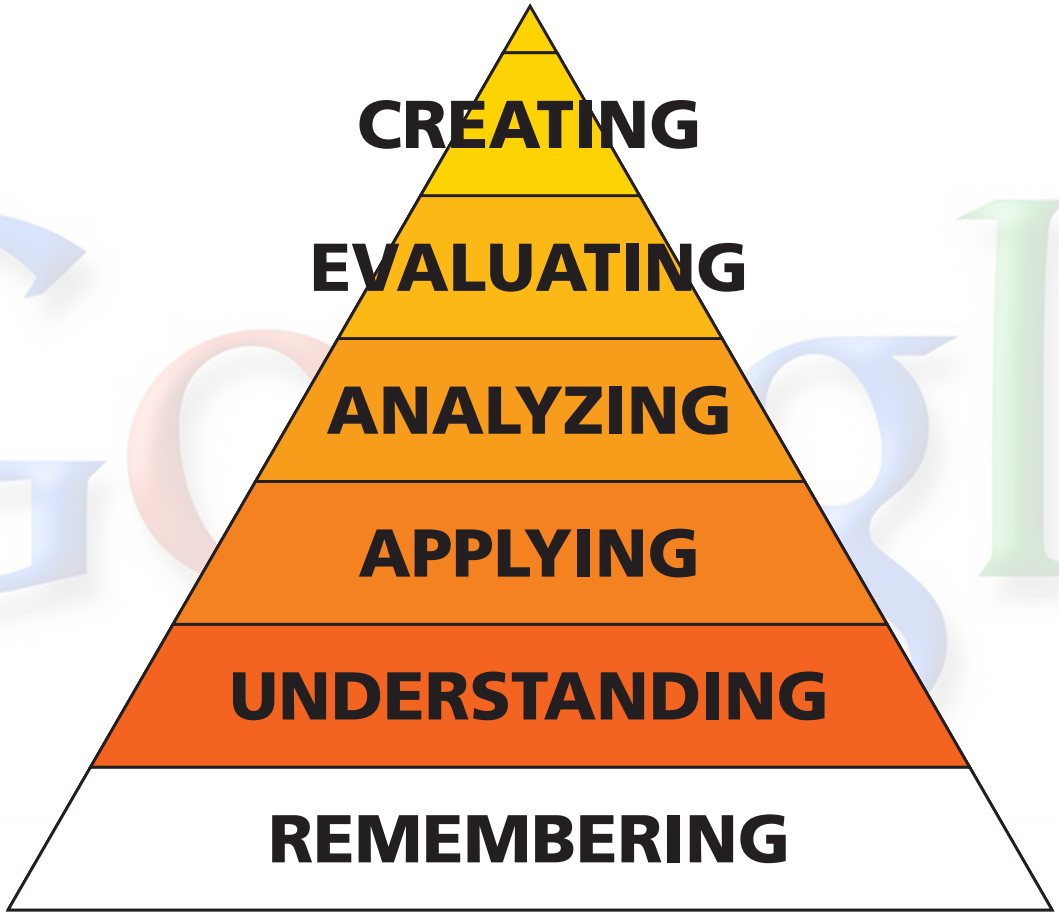

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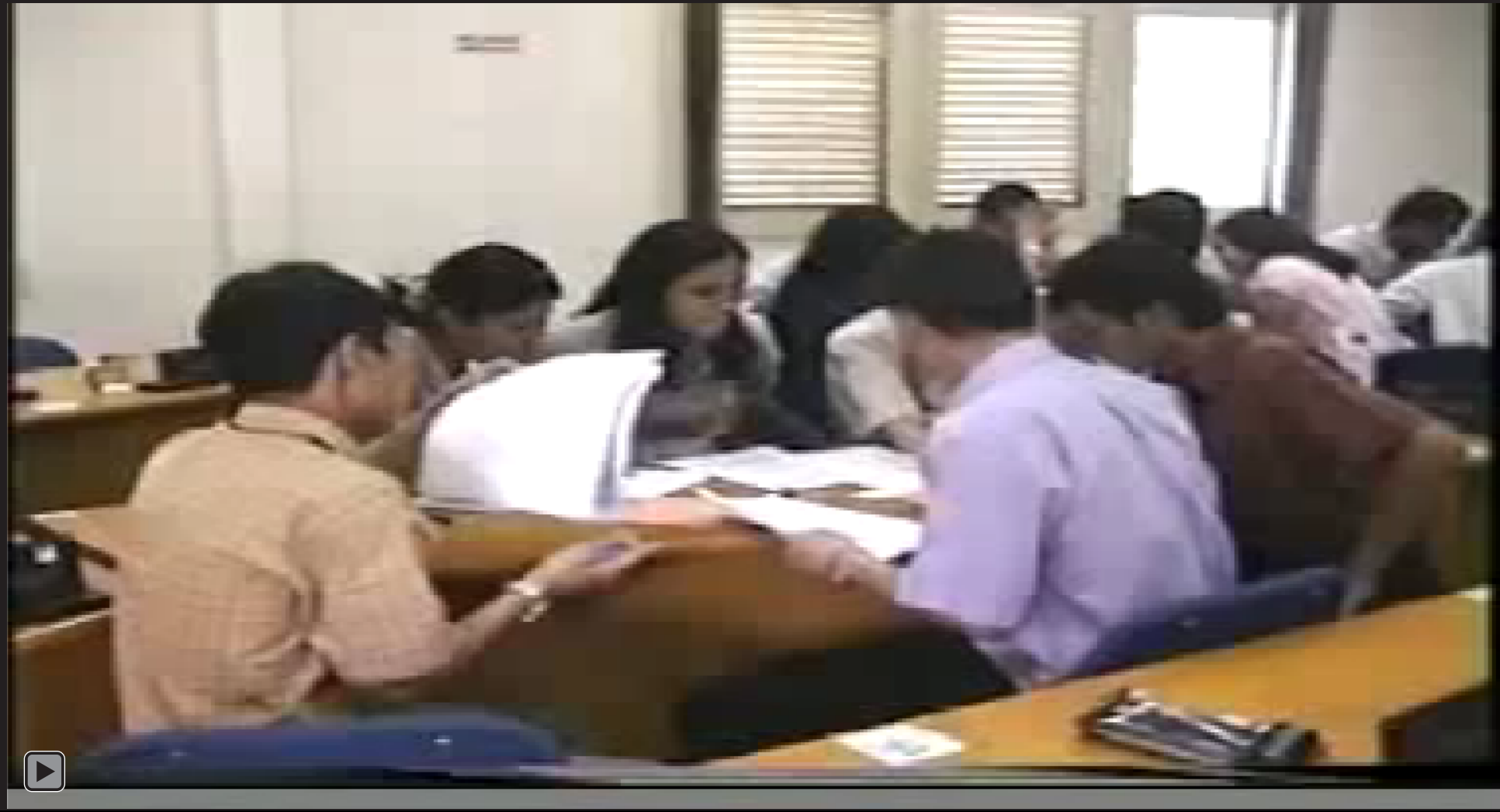

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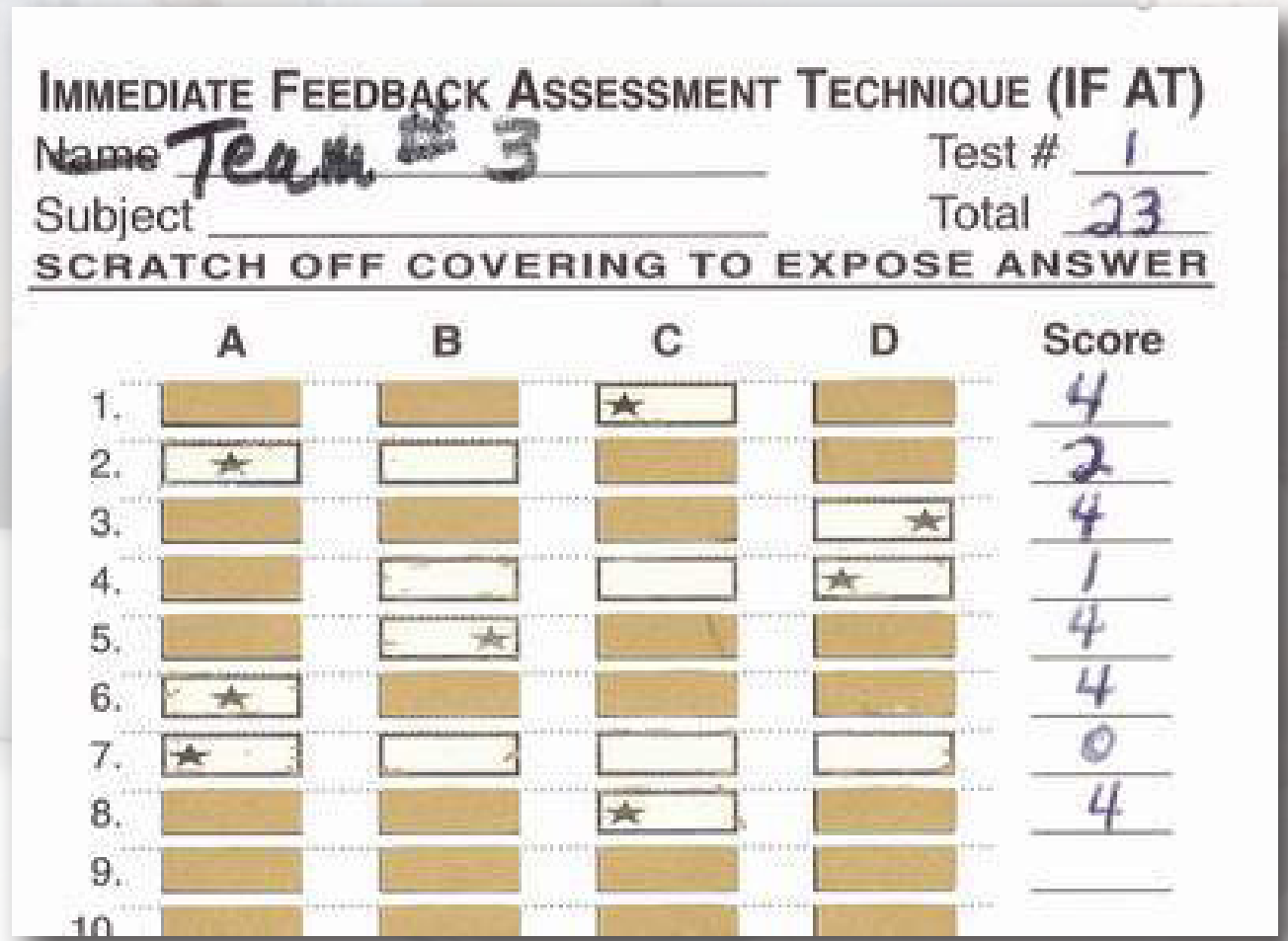

IMMEDIATE FEEDBACK ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUE (IF AT)

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Subject _____ Total 23

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Submit response

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focus on feedback, not ranking

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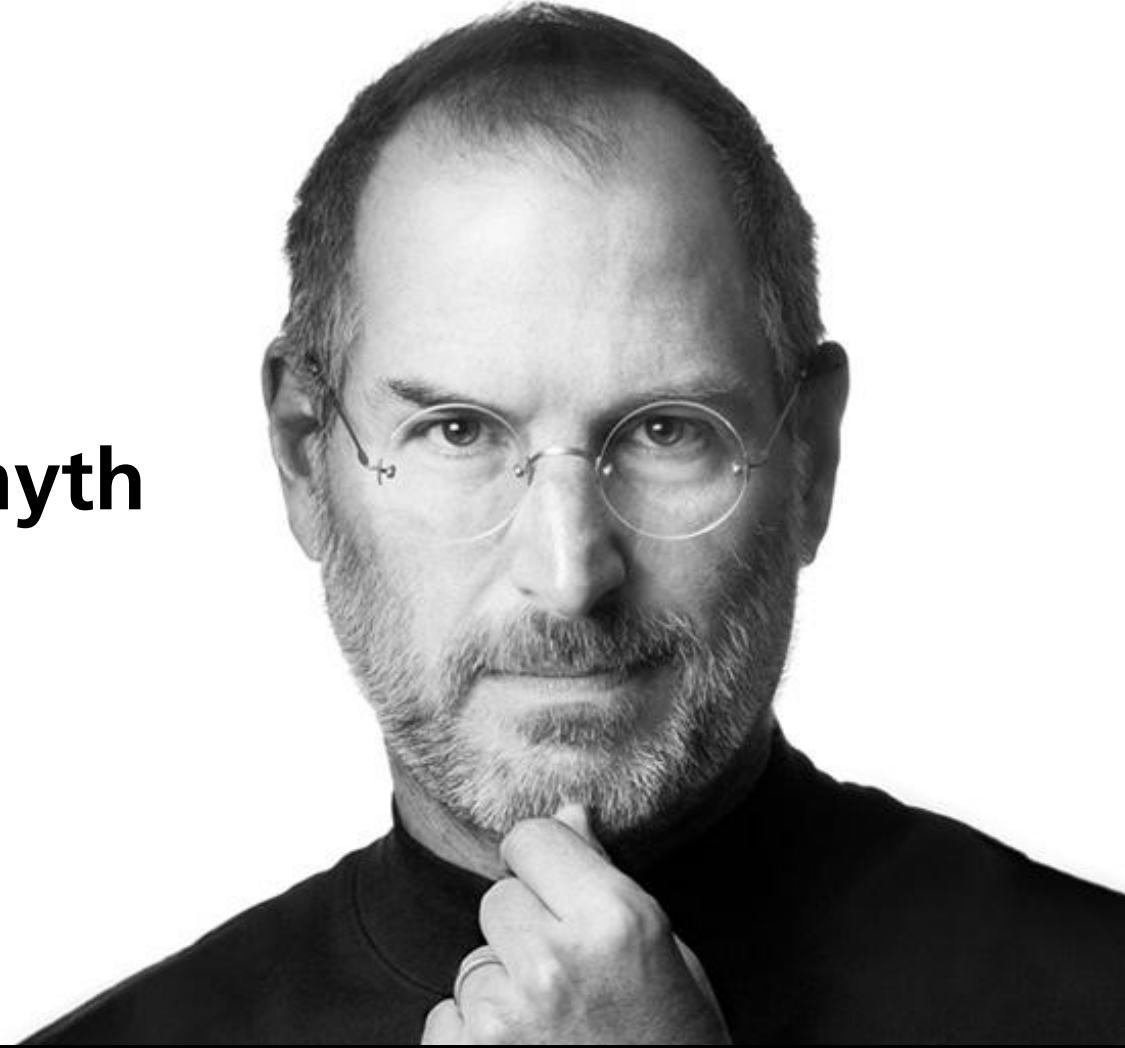
objective ranking: a myth



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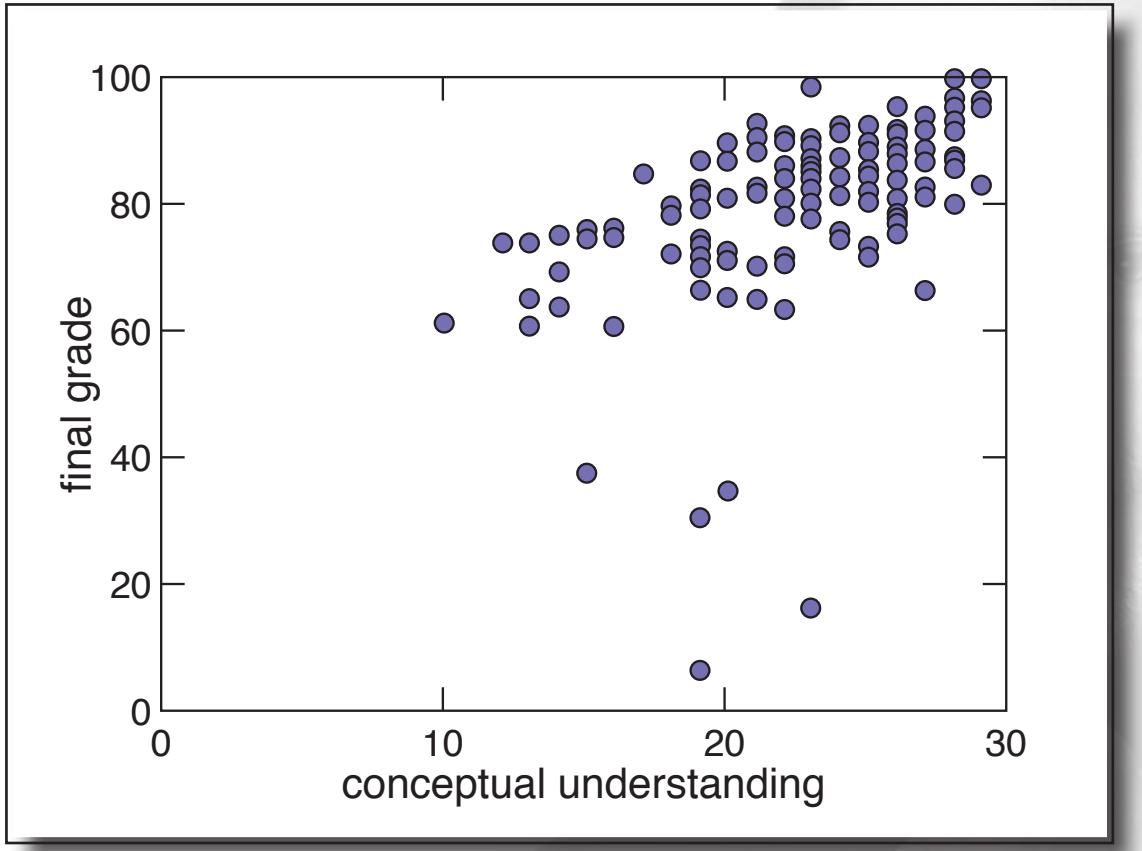

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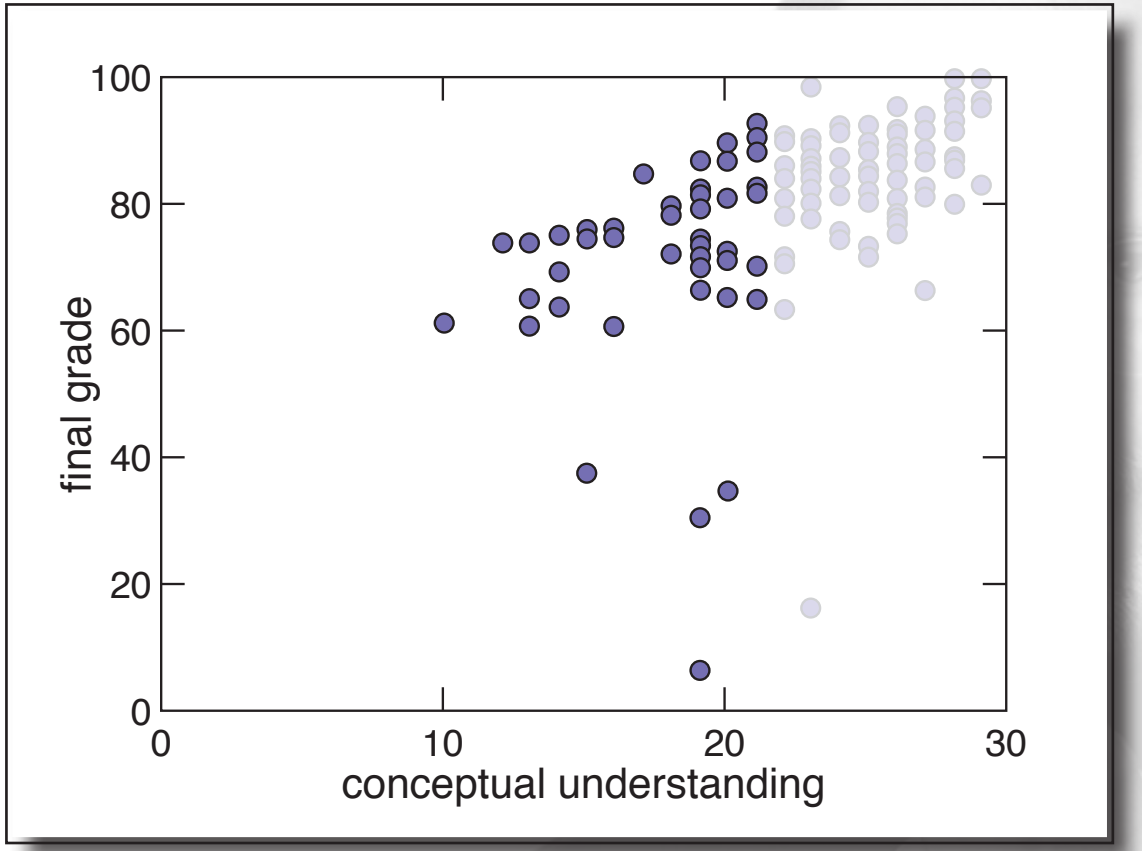

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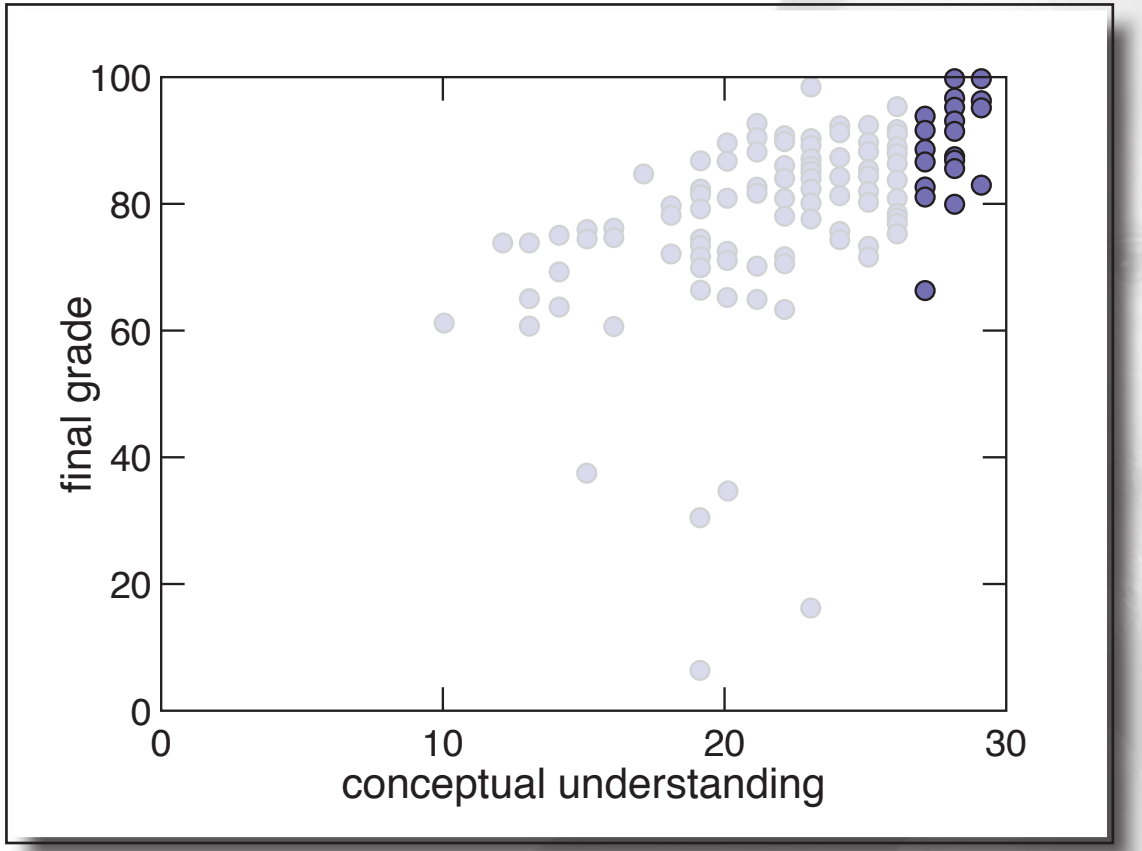
top performers, broad grade distribution



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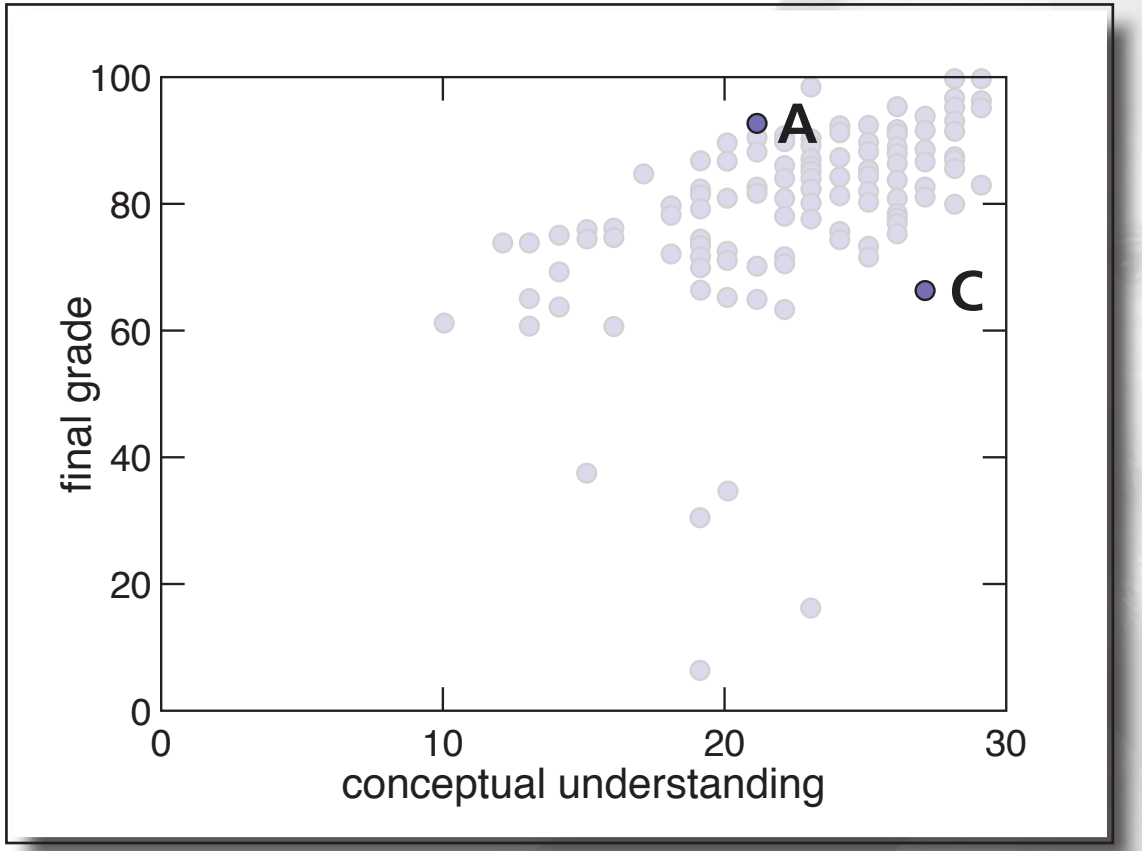

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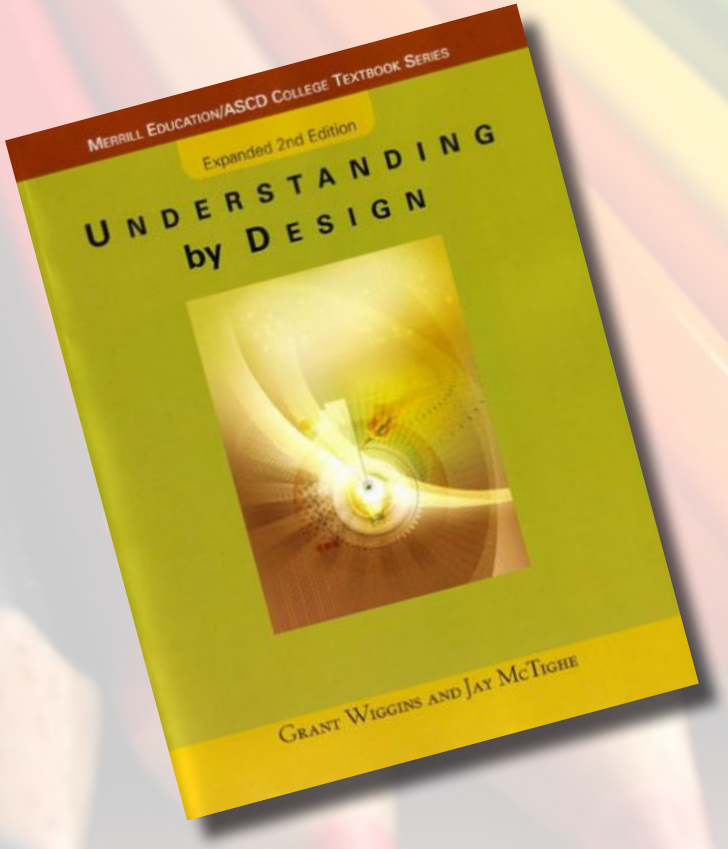

Grant Wiggins and Jay McTighe, *Understanding by Design* (Prentice Hall, 2001)

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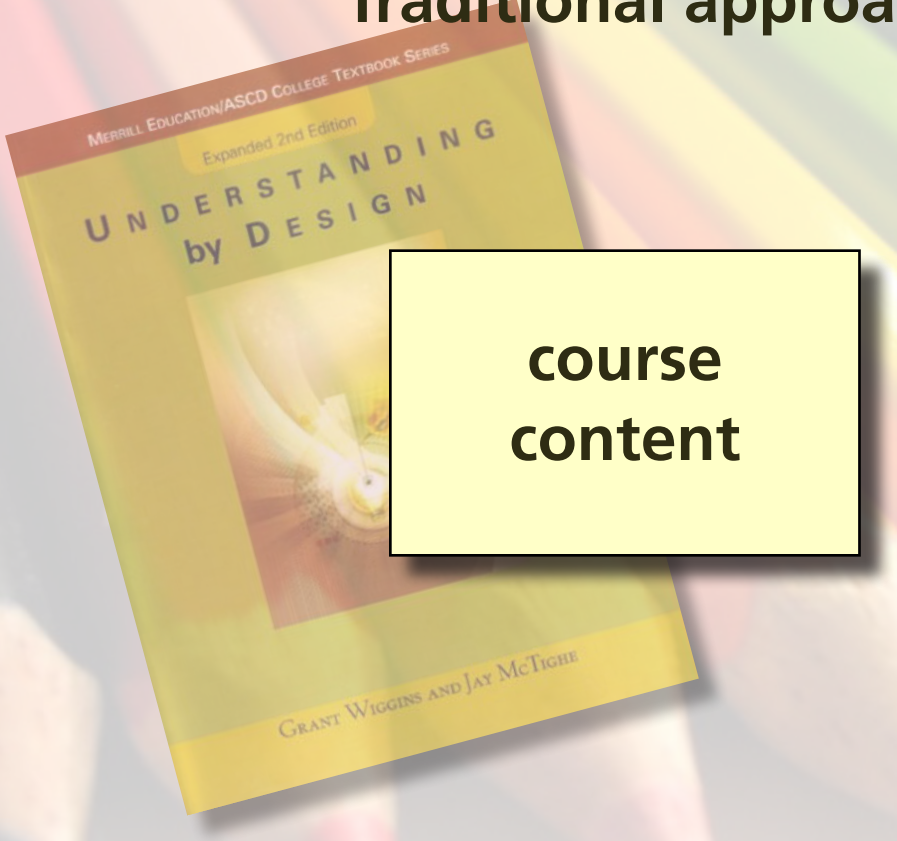
Traditional approach to course planning



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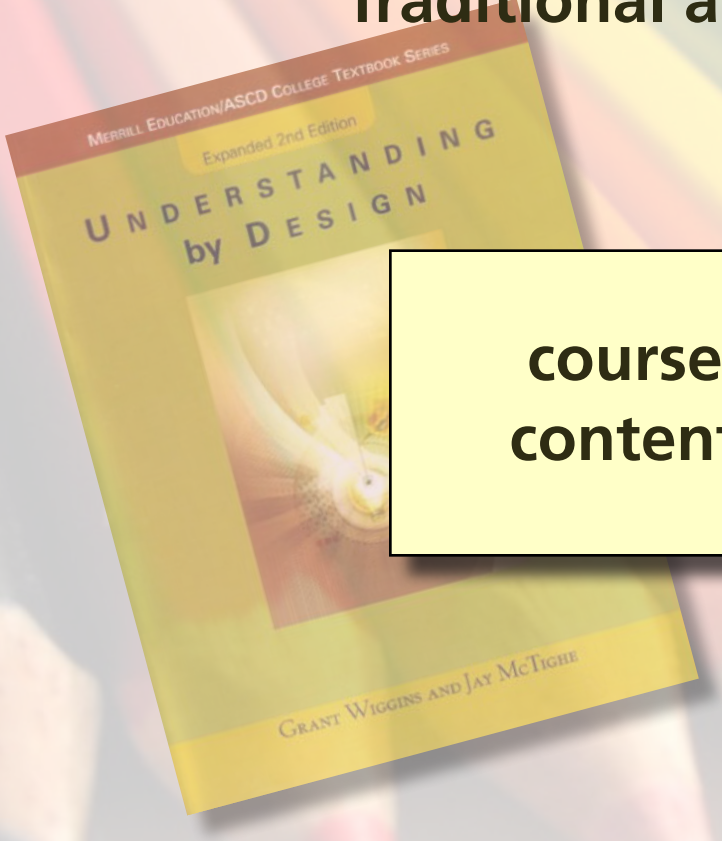

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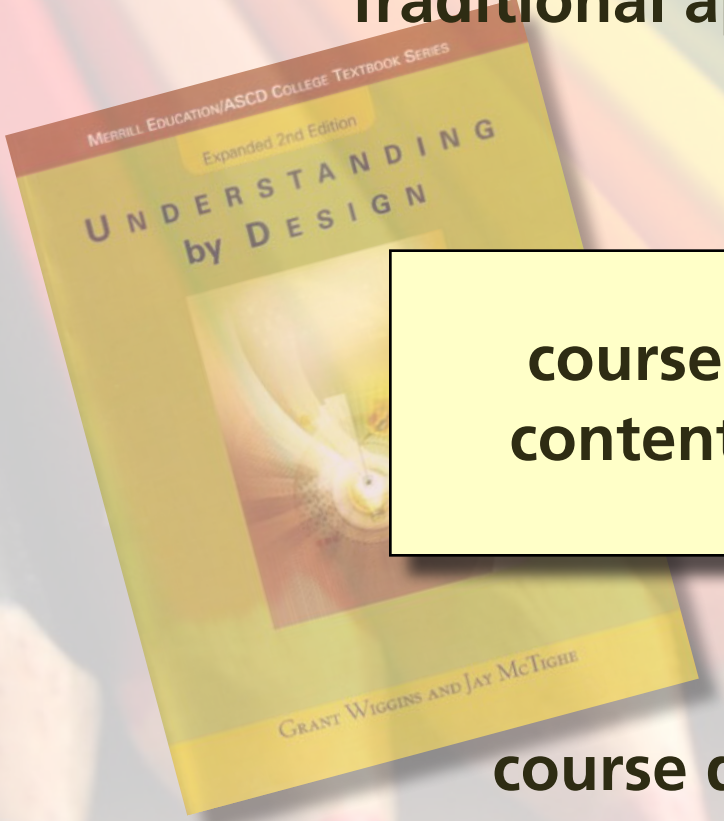

course content → assessment

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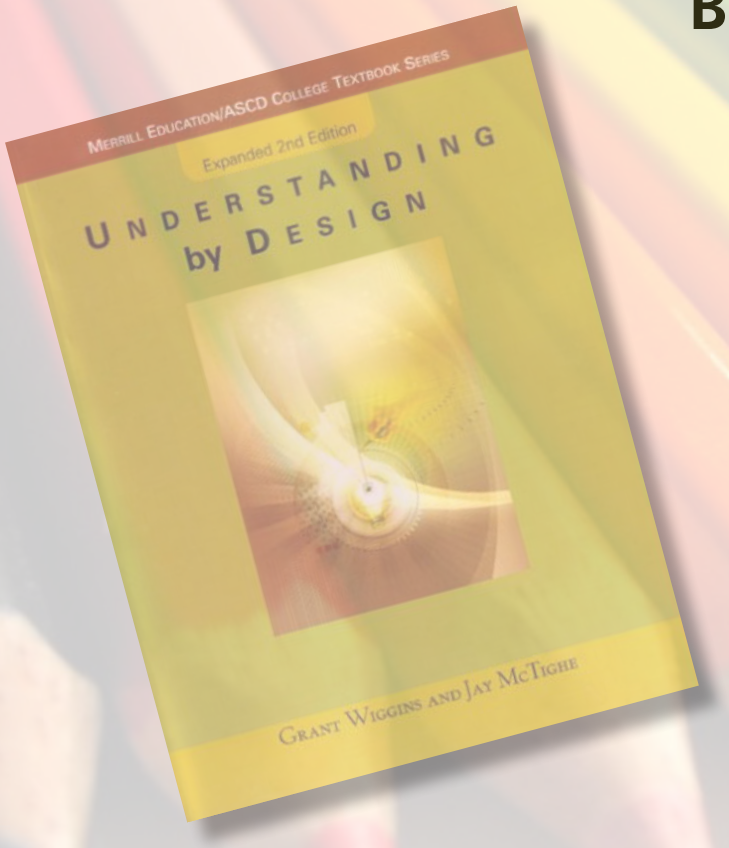

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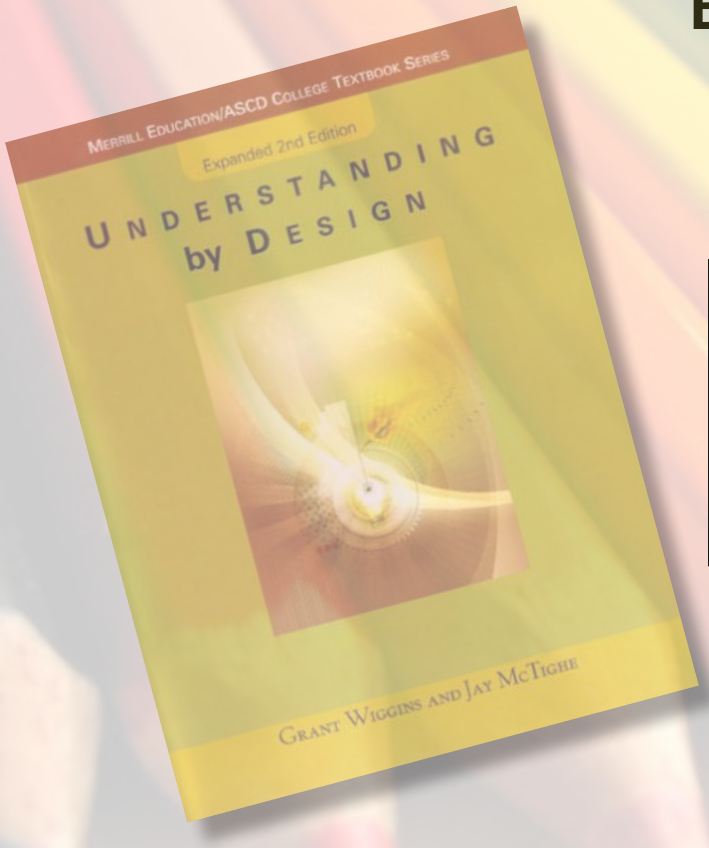

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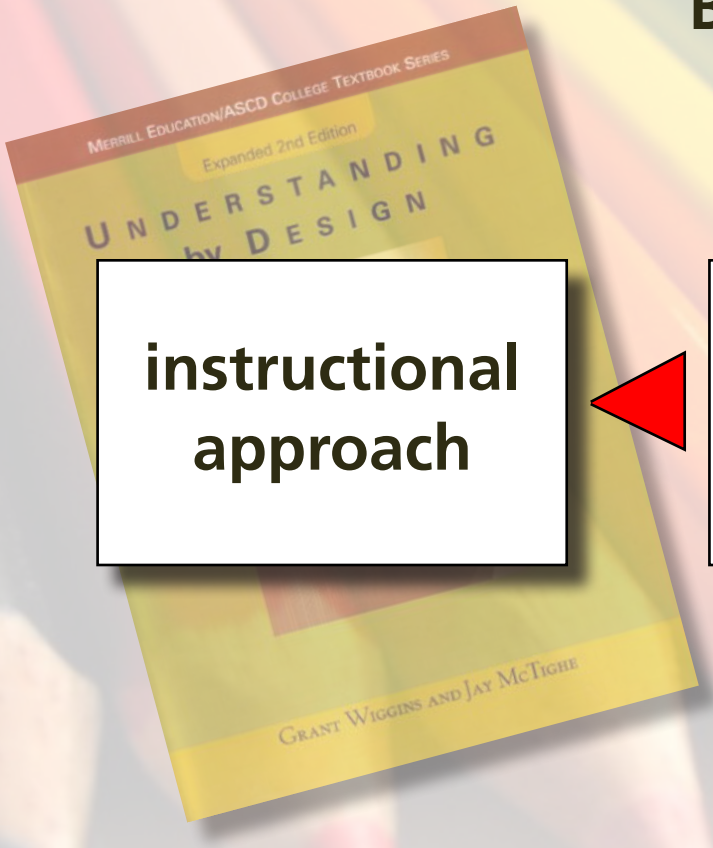

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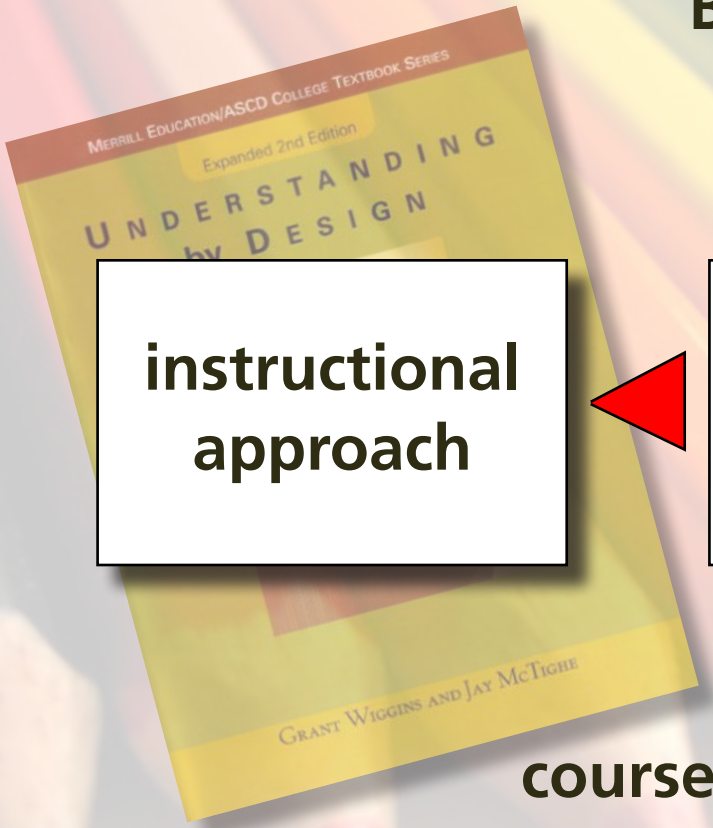

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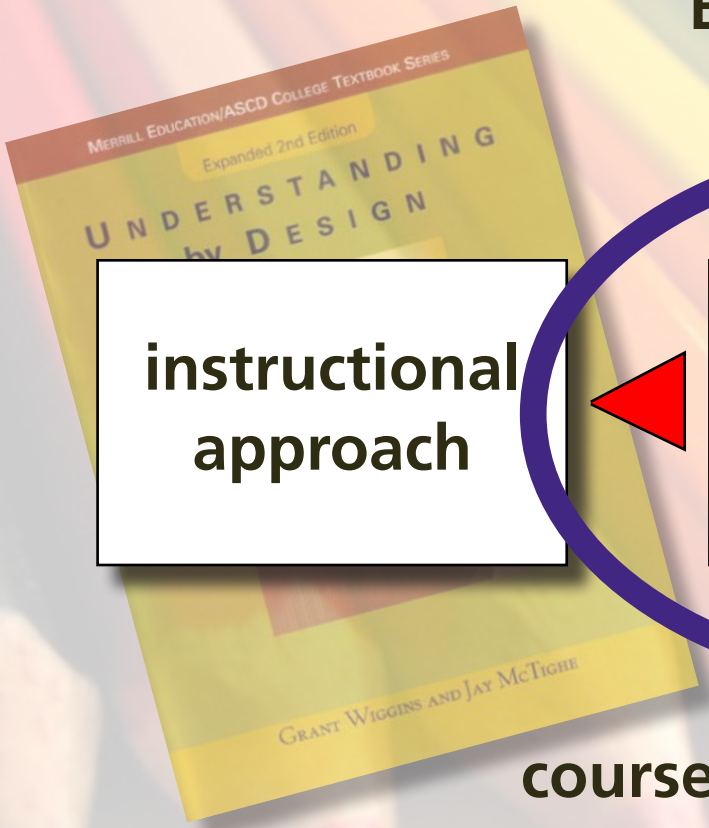

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resolve coach/judge conflict

use external evaluators

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peer- and self-assessment

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Calibrated Peer Review

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Step 1: assignment & rubric

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WRITING RUBRIC

Rubric for Calibrated Peer Review

		1 = needs improvement does not meet expectations entirely	2 = satisfactory meets expectations **(what you should aim for)**	3 = admi… exceeds expectations (**rarely** selected)
Structure	Title	Wordy, long, unimaginative, or inappropriate title	Basic title	Catchy title drawing audience into article
	Opening	Missing a "hook" or a lead in the first paragraphs AND does not orient reader to subject	Hook or lead present OR first few paragraphs orient reader to subject	Compelling audience appropriate hook or lead present AND first few paragraphs orient lay reader to subject
	Paragraph length	Many paragraphs are long (6 or more sentences)	Some paragraphs are long (6 or more sentences), most are short (1-5 sentences)	All paragraphs are short (1-5 sentences)
	Organization	Lacks organization, no logical headings, no transitions between paragraphs	A few headings OR most paragraphs linked by transitions	Headings structure paper in organized, logical way AND paragraphs linked by transitions
	Closing	Does not end compellingly or with an important idea AND does not tie back to opening	Summary-like closing, but does not tie back to title or opening hook	Ends compellingly with an important idea or though provoking question AND ties back to title and opening hook
Content/Ideas	Scientific facts	Contains incorrect, misstated, irrelevant, or unnecessary facts	All facts are 100% correct, relevant, and necessary	Includes fact-checked expert and/or lay testimony (newspaper article only)
	Sources/evidence	Does not back up facts with proper, convincing, or interesting sources or evidence	Most, but not all, facts backed up with proper, convincing, or interesting sources or evidence	
		Mostly predictable based on available	Some originality apparent	Original presentation of material; uses the unexpected to capture attention
		OR not aimed at	Material appropriate and aimed at target audience AND mostly avoids scientific contains no colloquialisms or tly uses clearly	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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Step 2: upload

Step 3: review

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The New York Times
January 20, 2009
OBSERVATORY
Spectacular Supernova Obse
By John Glenn
New York, N.Y. – People around the world witnessed th
in recorded history this morning. The supernova, nam
Eastern Time, appearing as bright as the full moon. Af
continued to shine for several hours.
Traffic was interrupted in New York City, as early-ri
at the amazing sight. As of press ti
Galileo
20 January 2008
Yesterday at about 4 p.m., I observed a pec
appeared in the sky. A glowing flash emitted
seconds, accompanied its appearance. The o
it even in broad daylight. How did this unprece
its consequences for Earth? In order to unders
on Earth will most likely ever see again, we hav
galaxie. To fully appreciate it and not be alarme
understand the life cycle of stars and how the
classified as consisting of eight
nt new addition to night sky
pires fear and awe – Mona Lisa
By now everyone has noticed the
mistakable new addition to our sky, which
utshines 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
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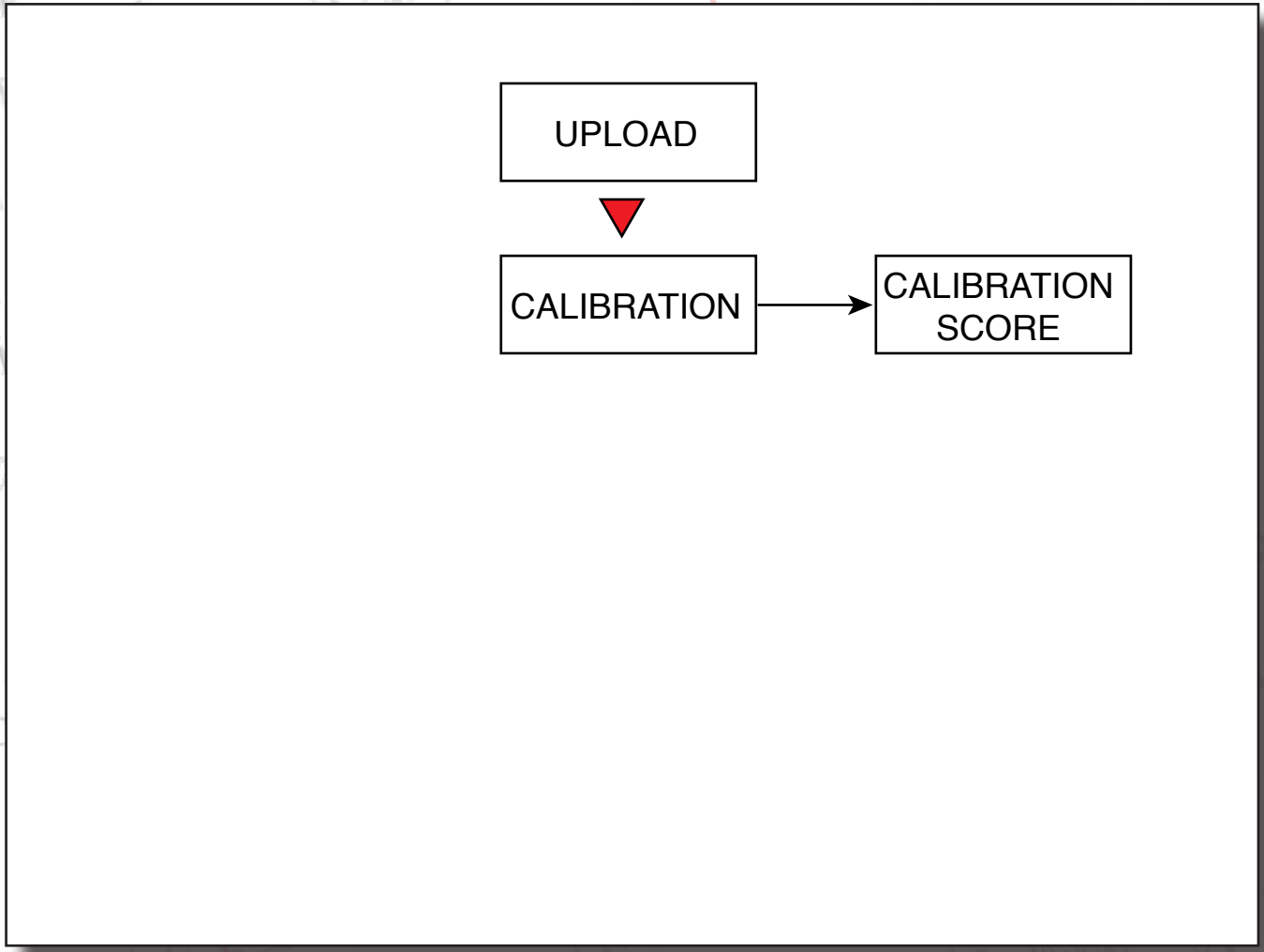

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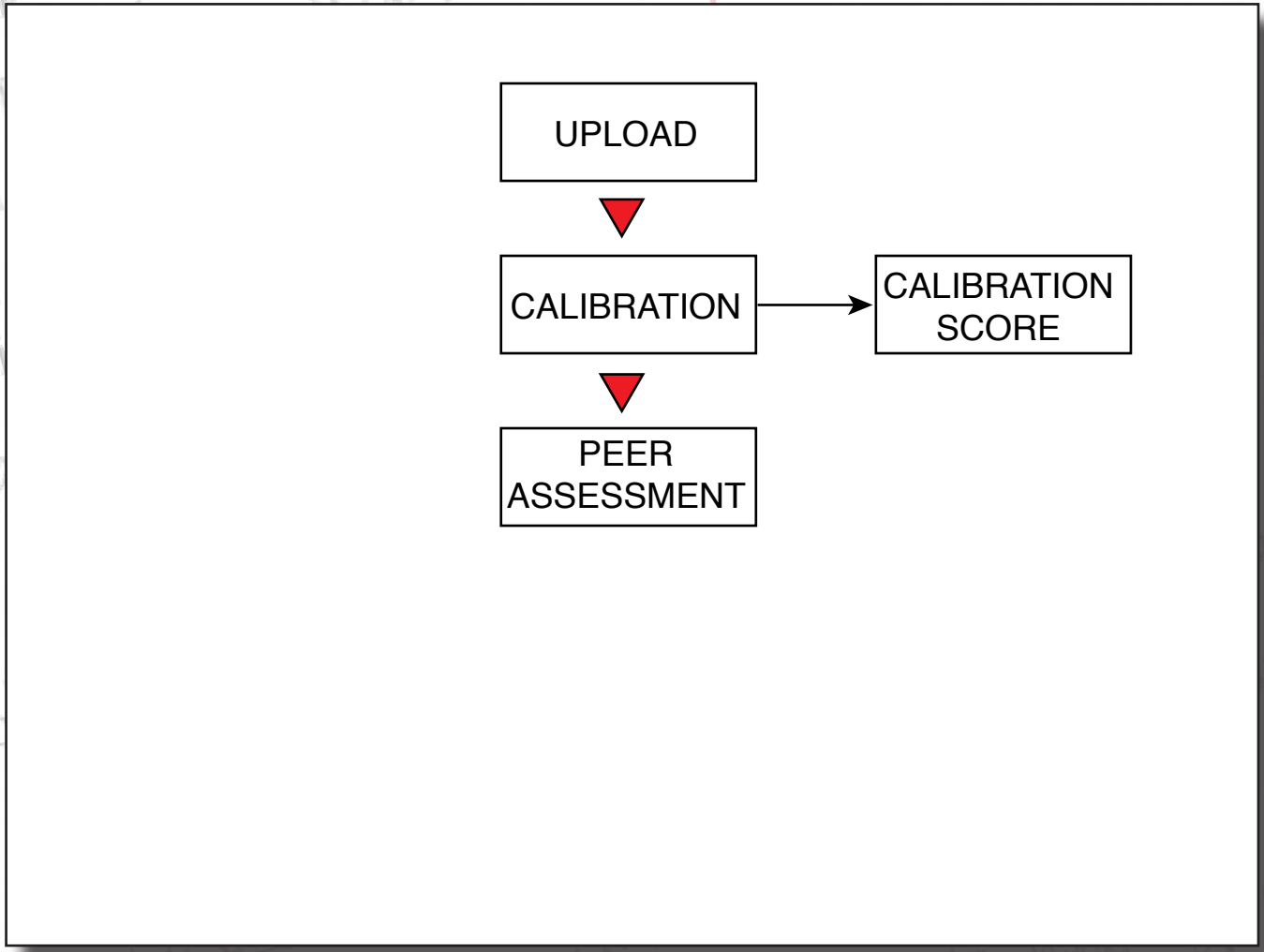

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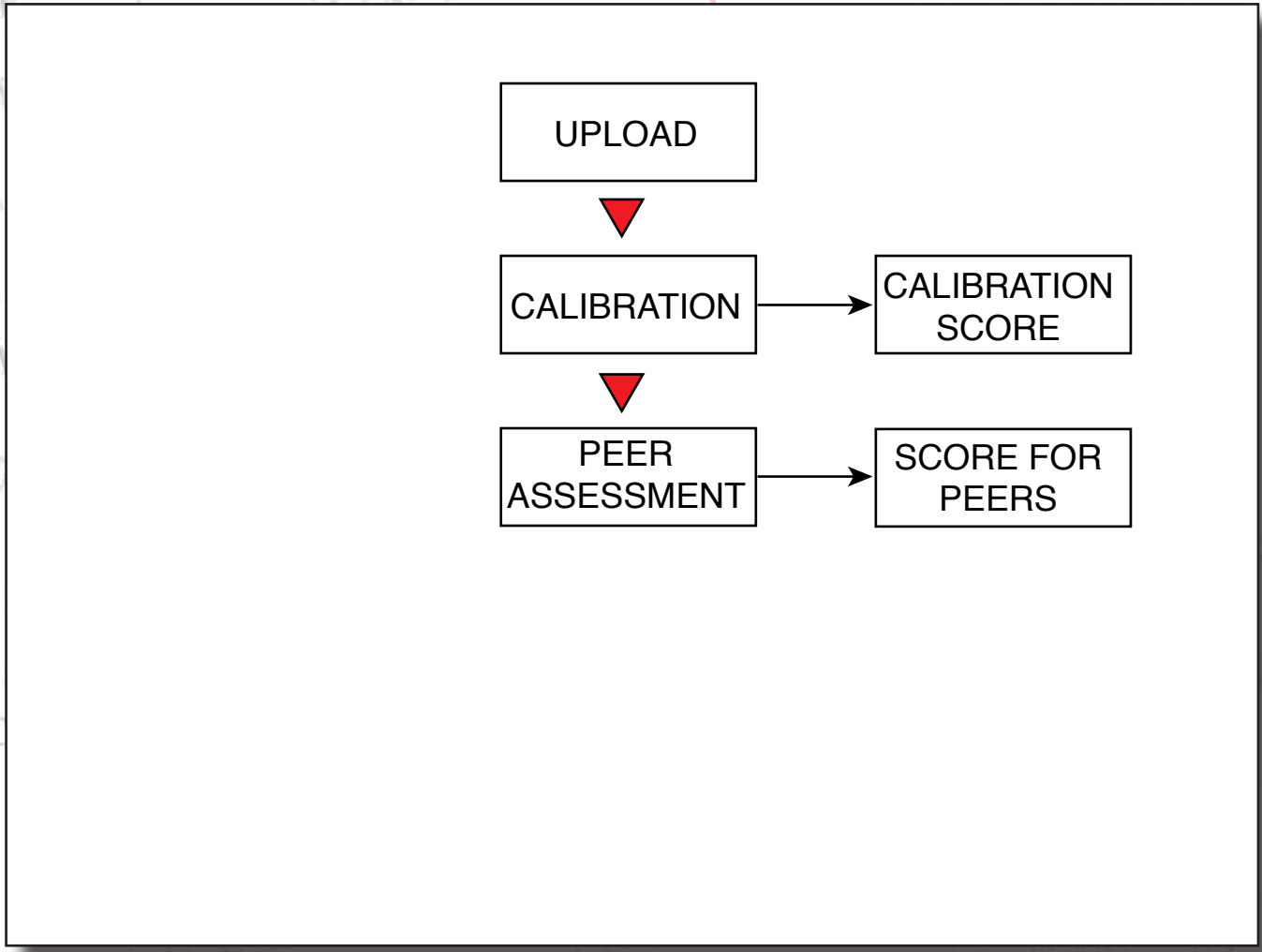

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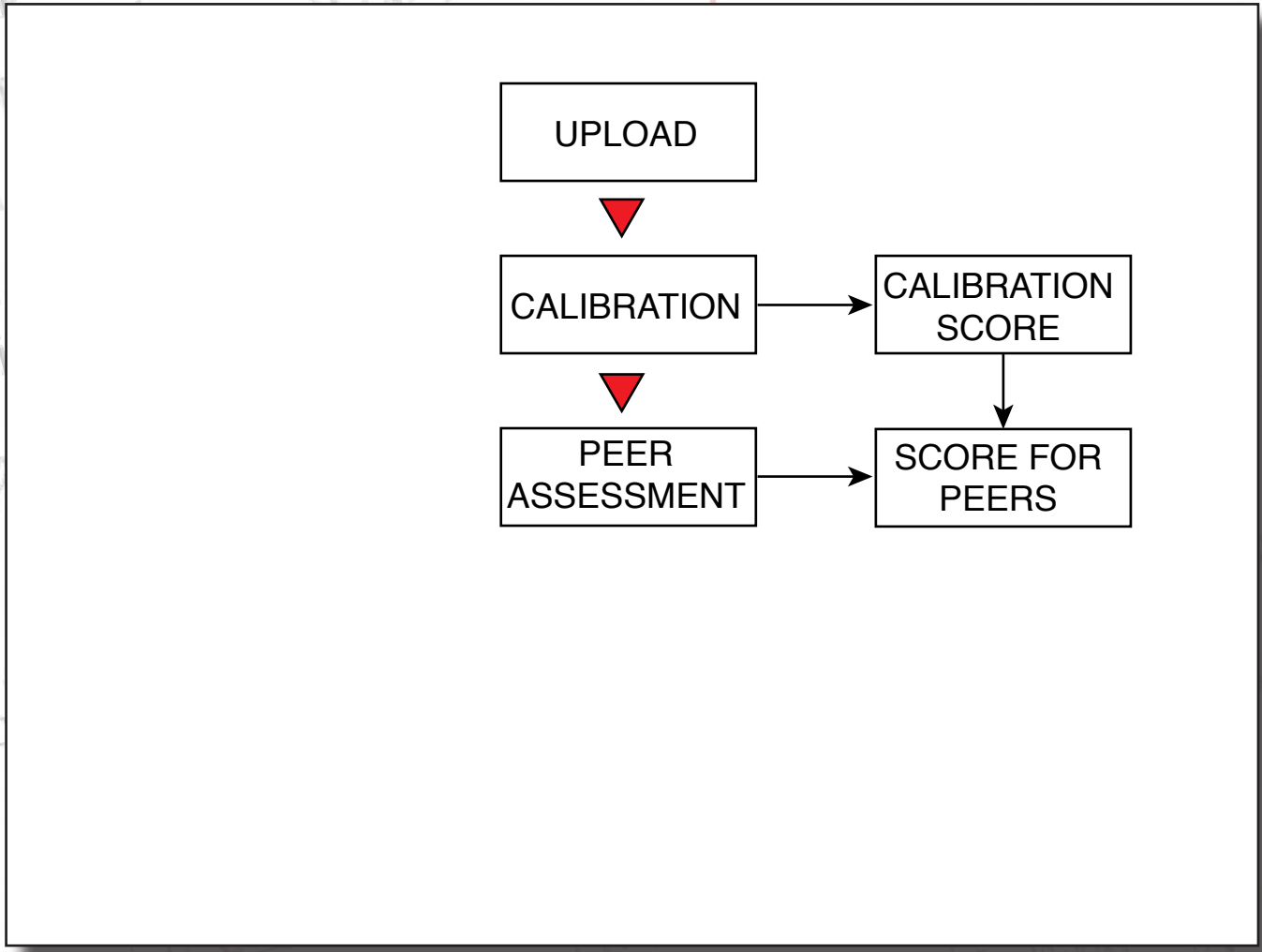

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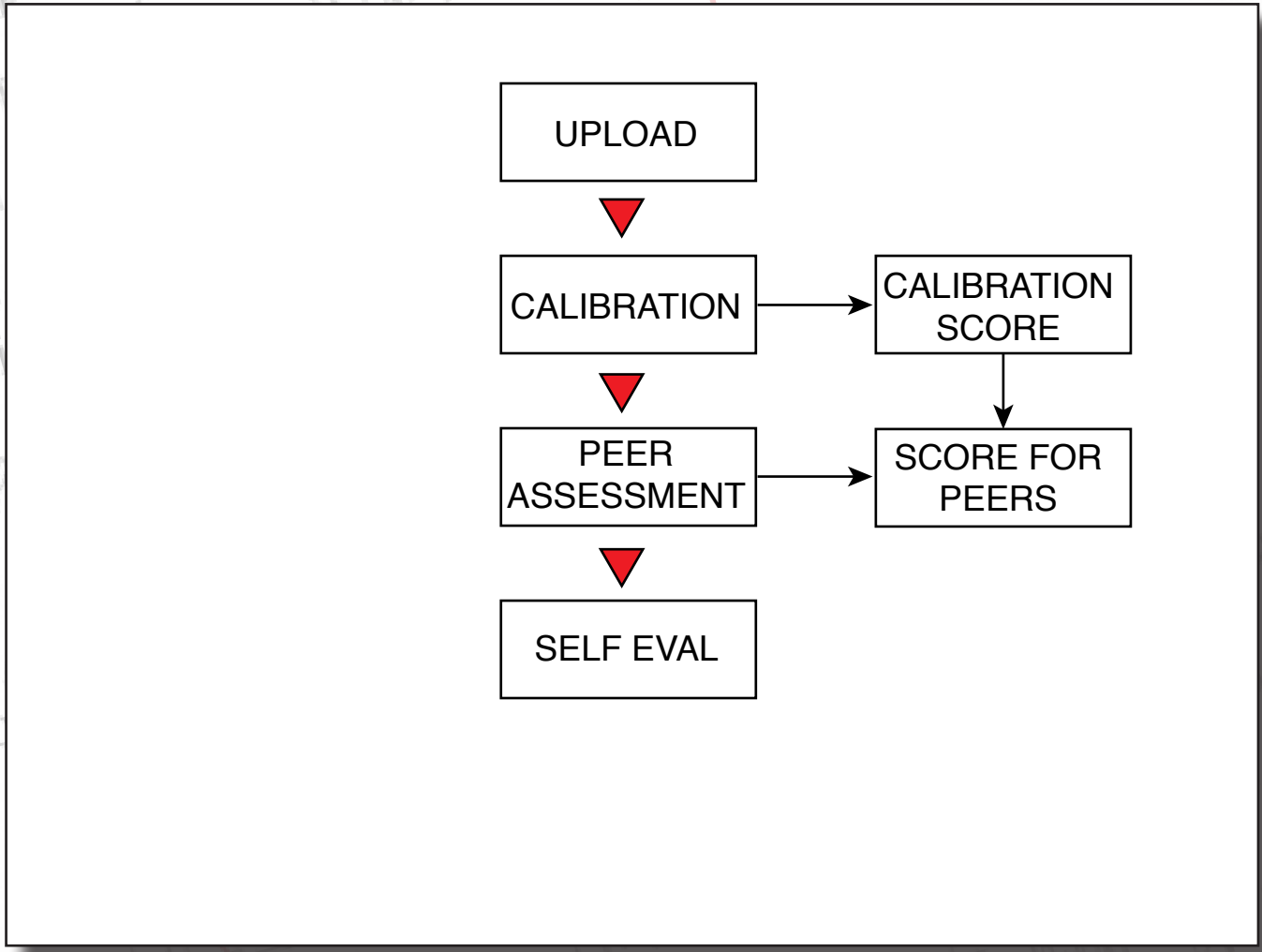

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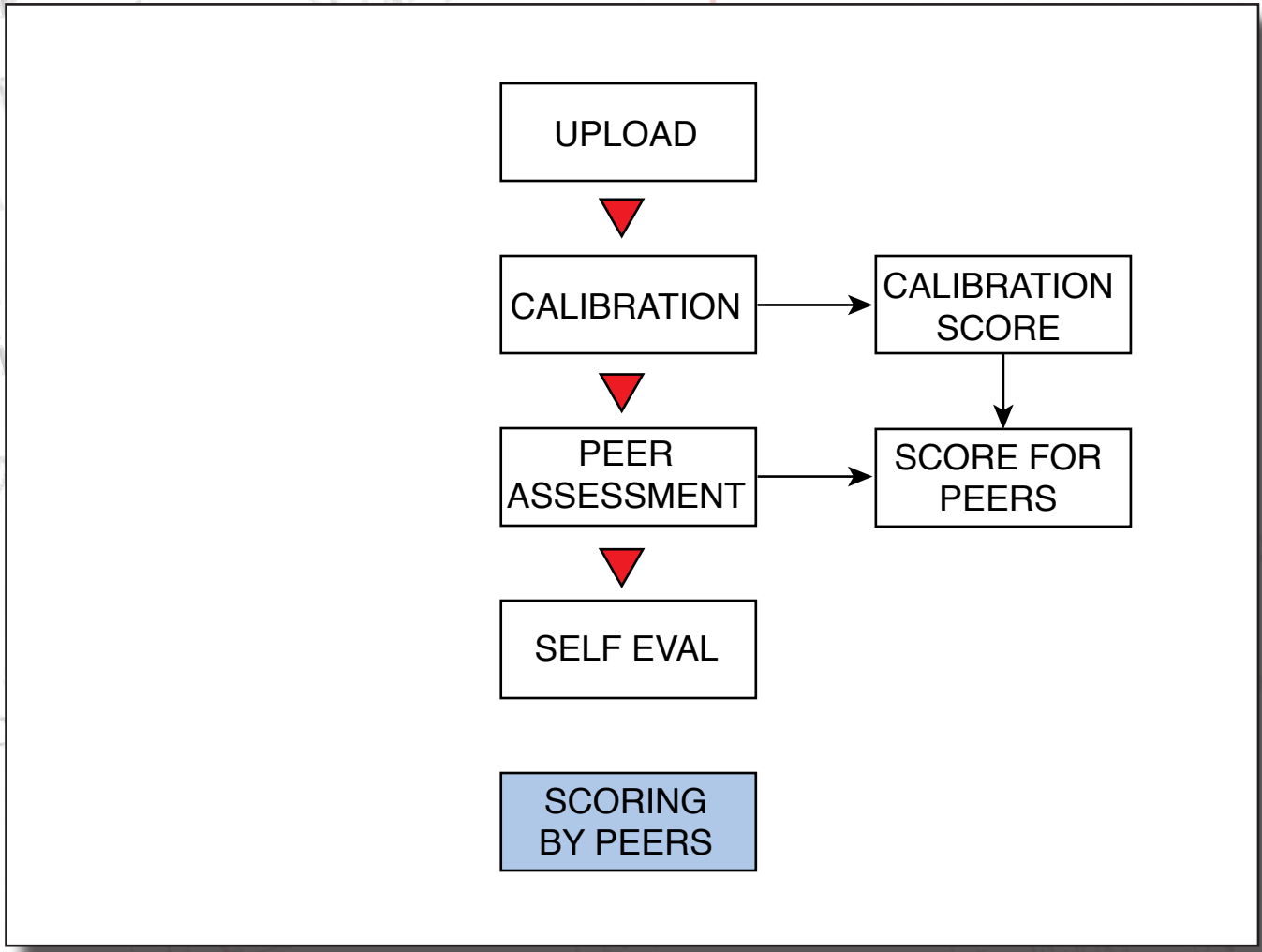

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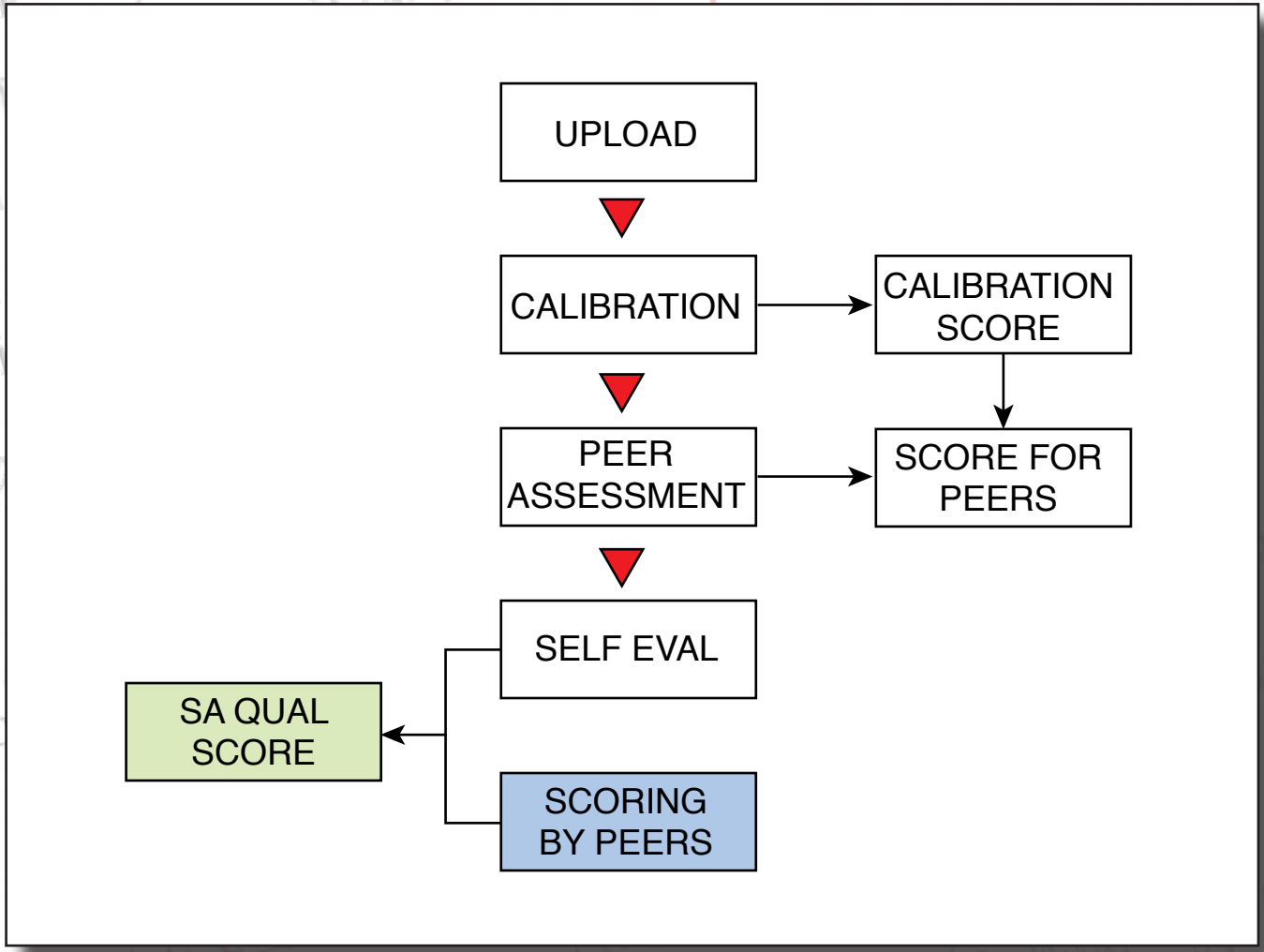

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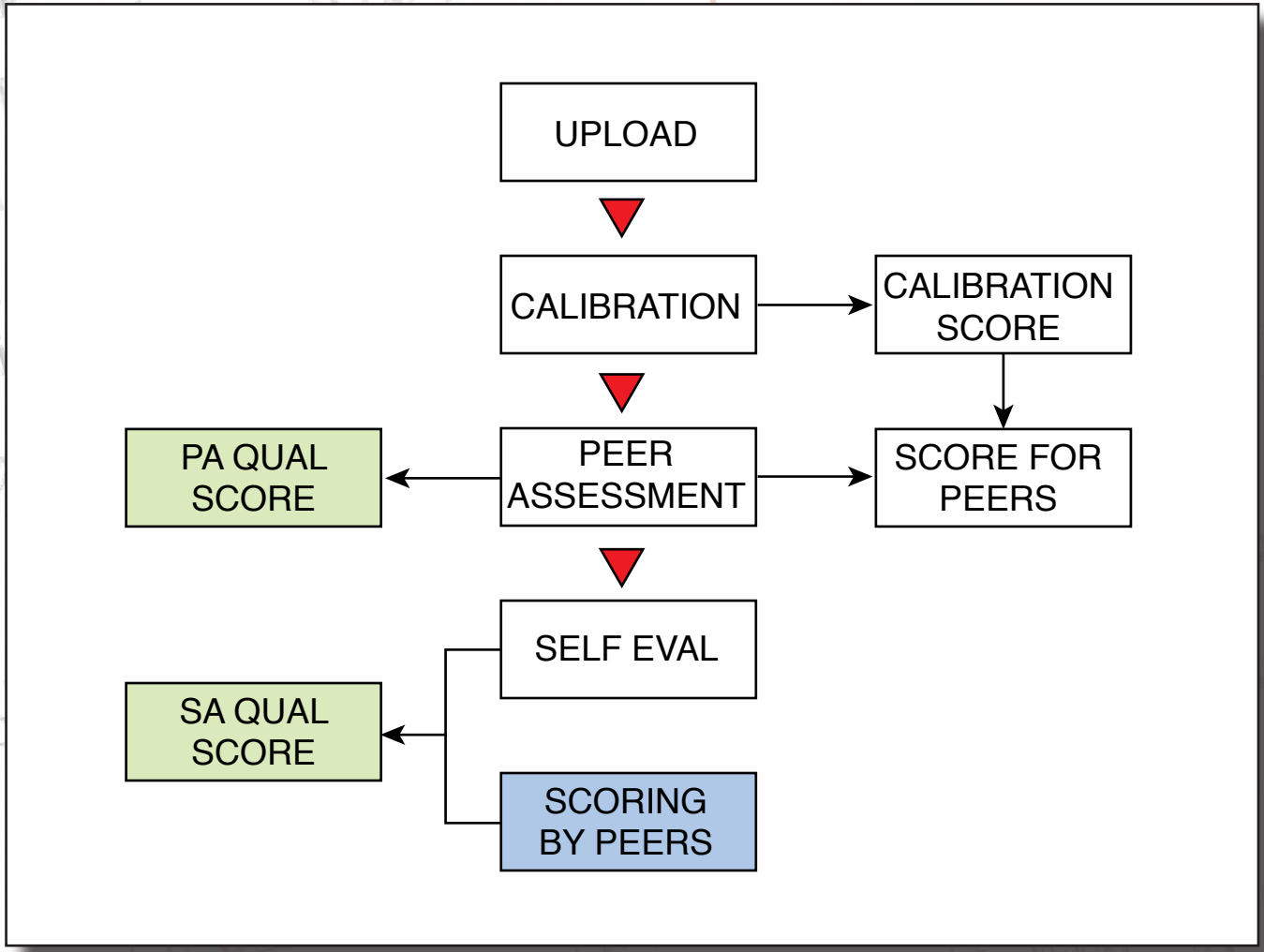

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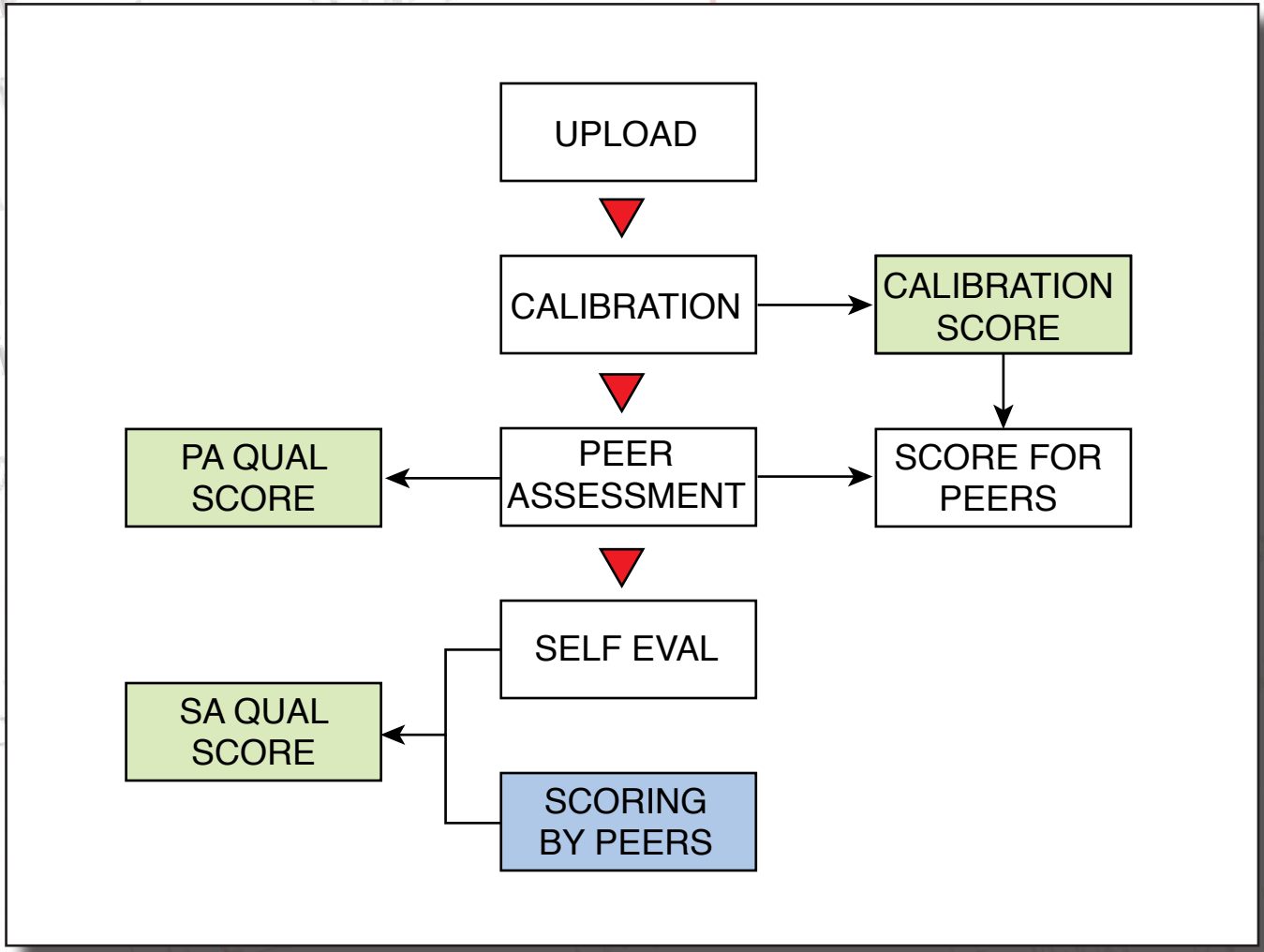

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