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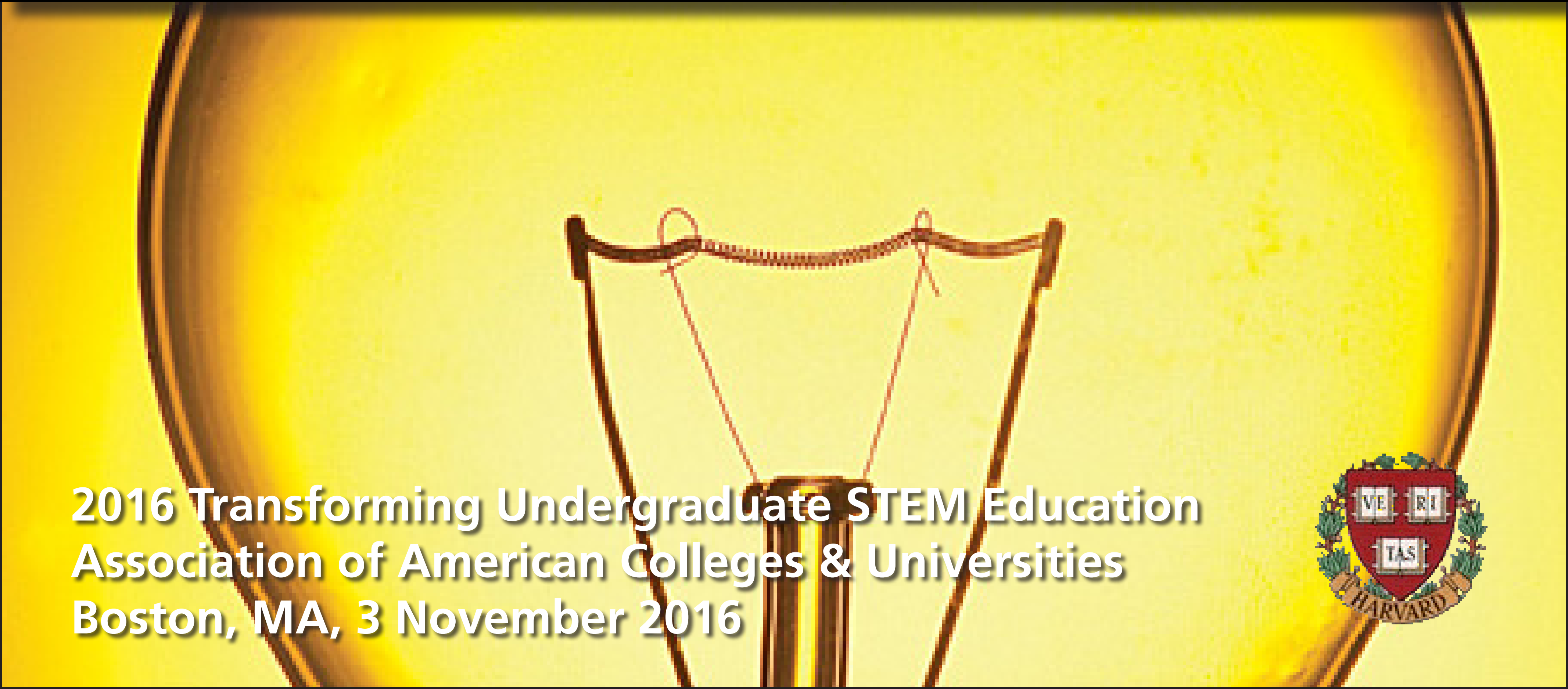

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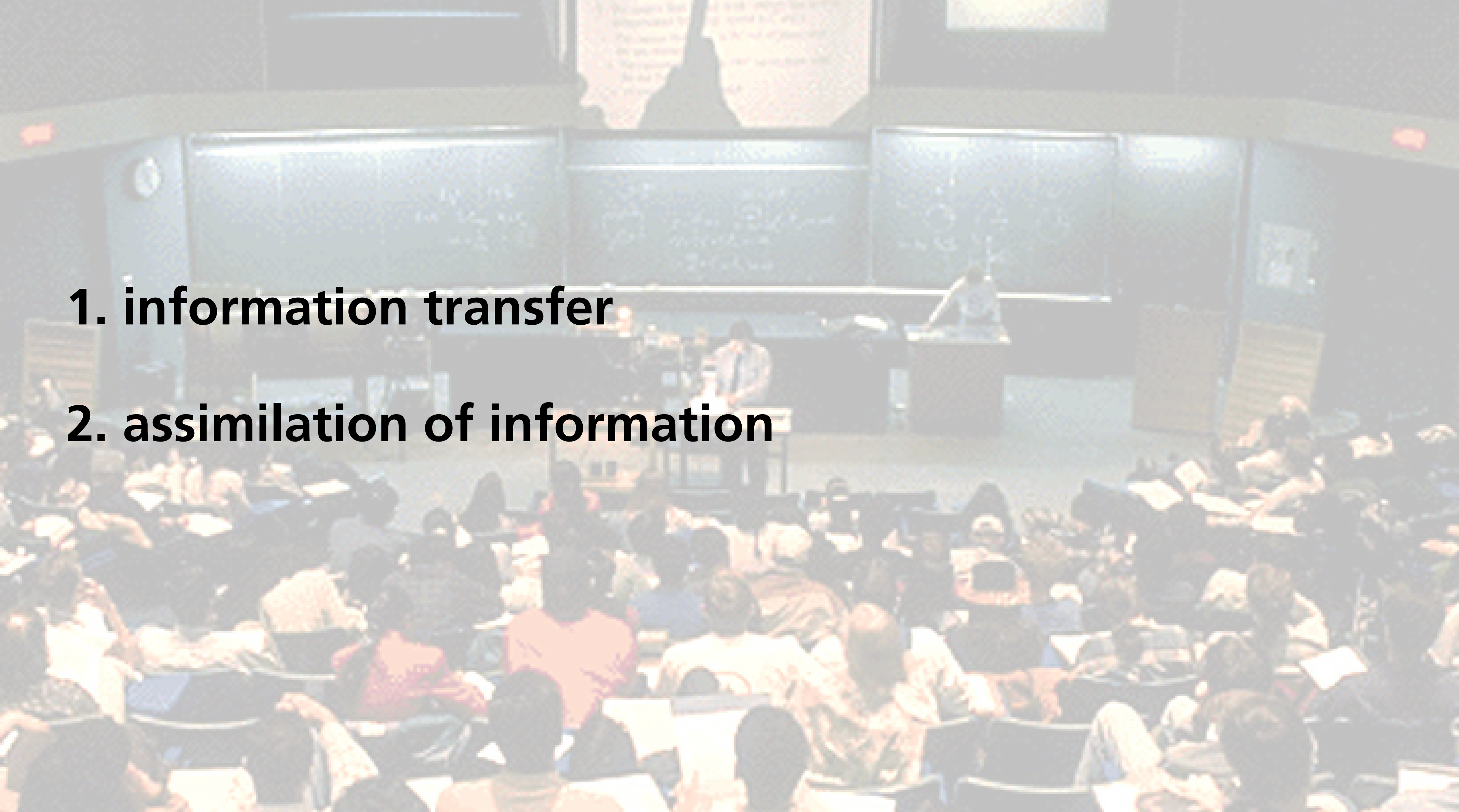

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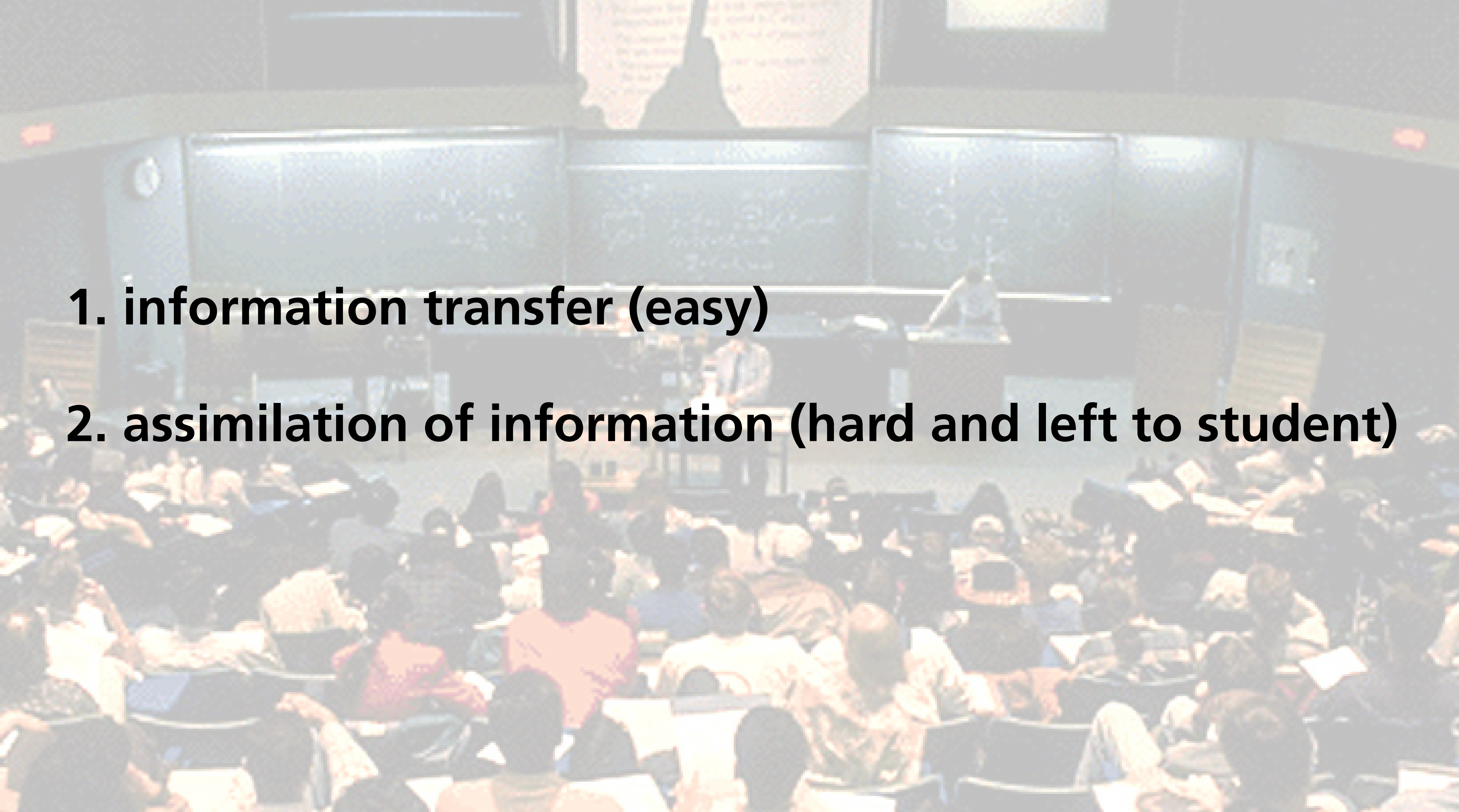

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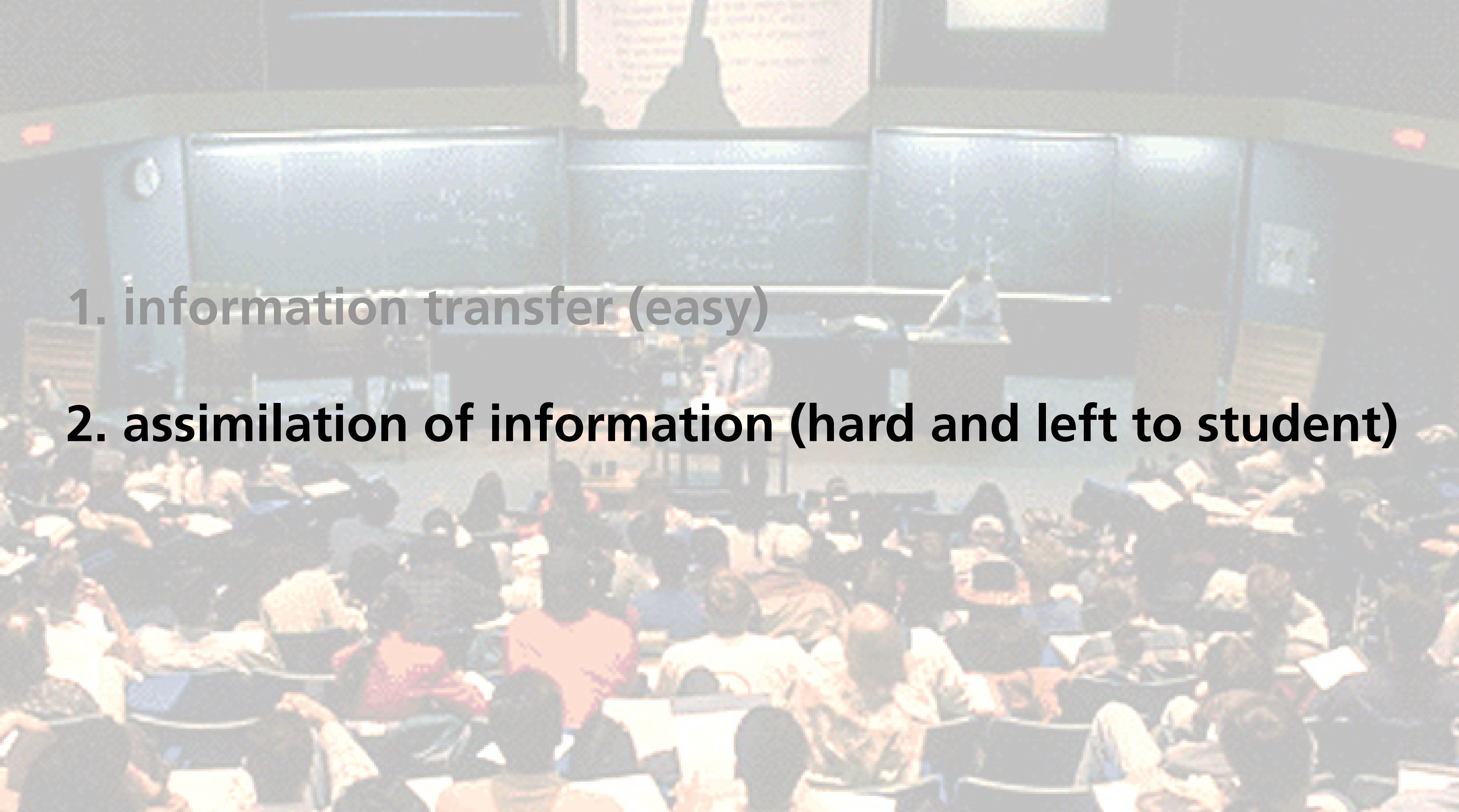

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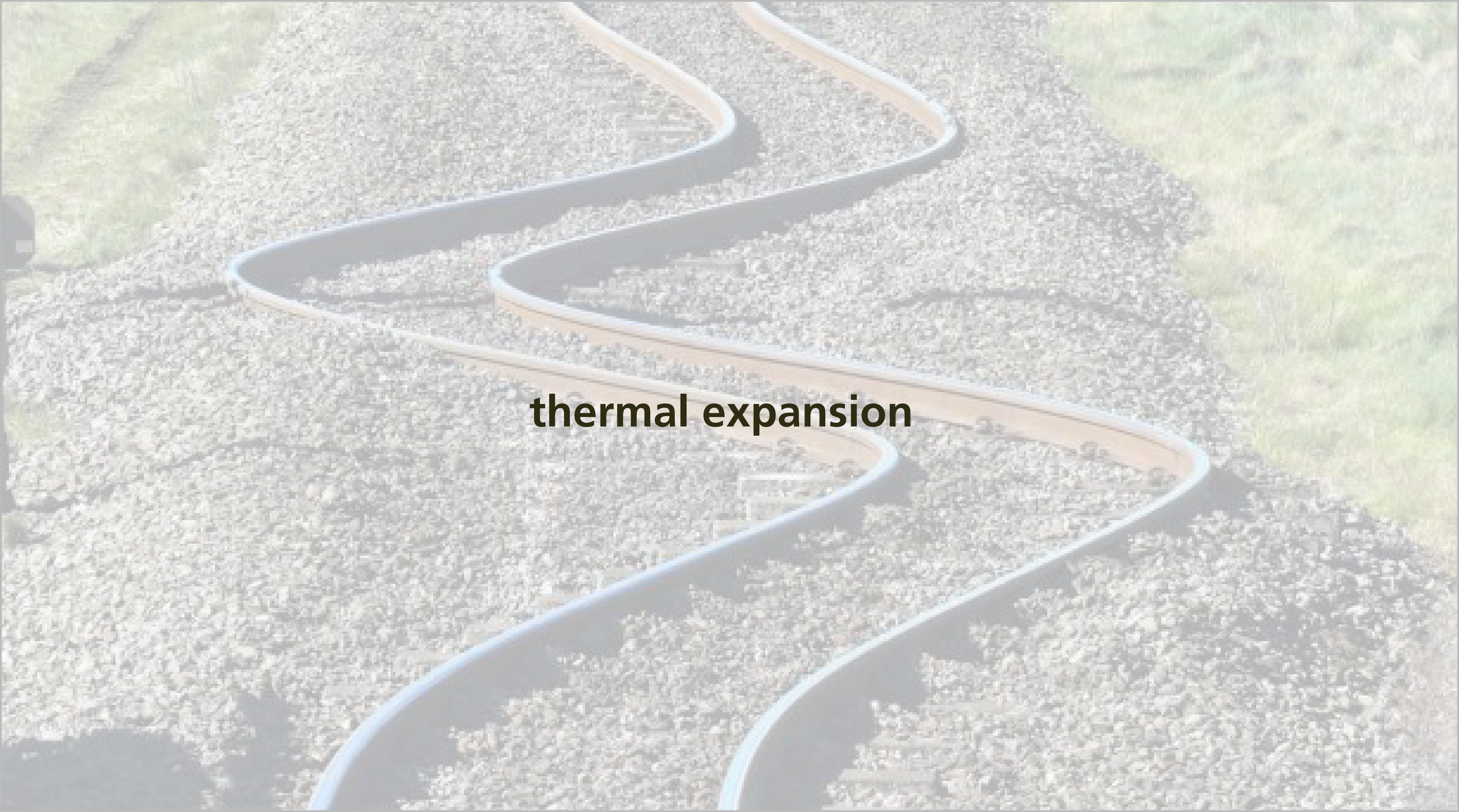

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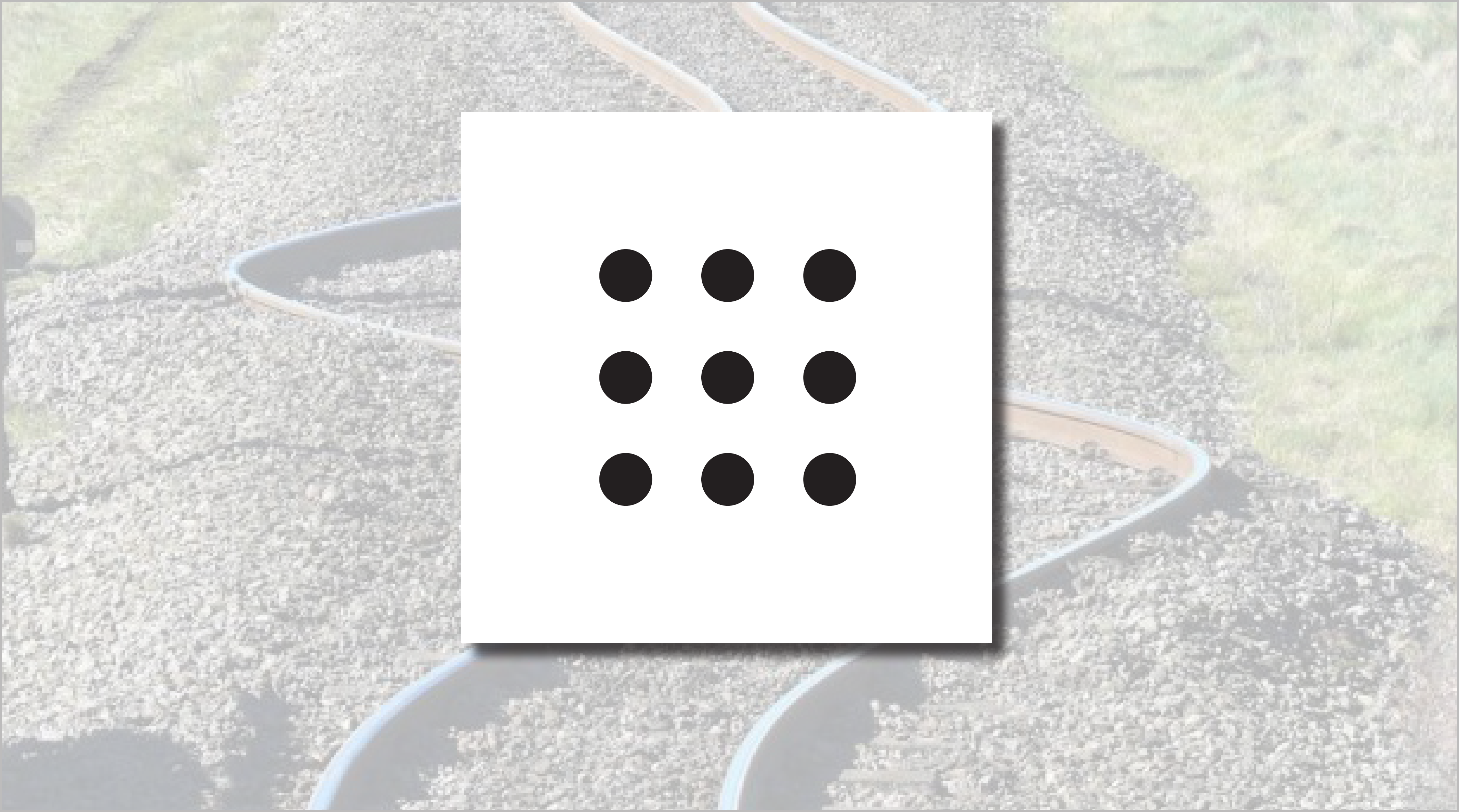

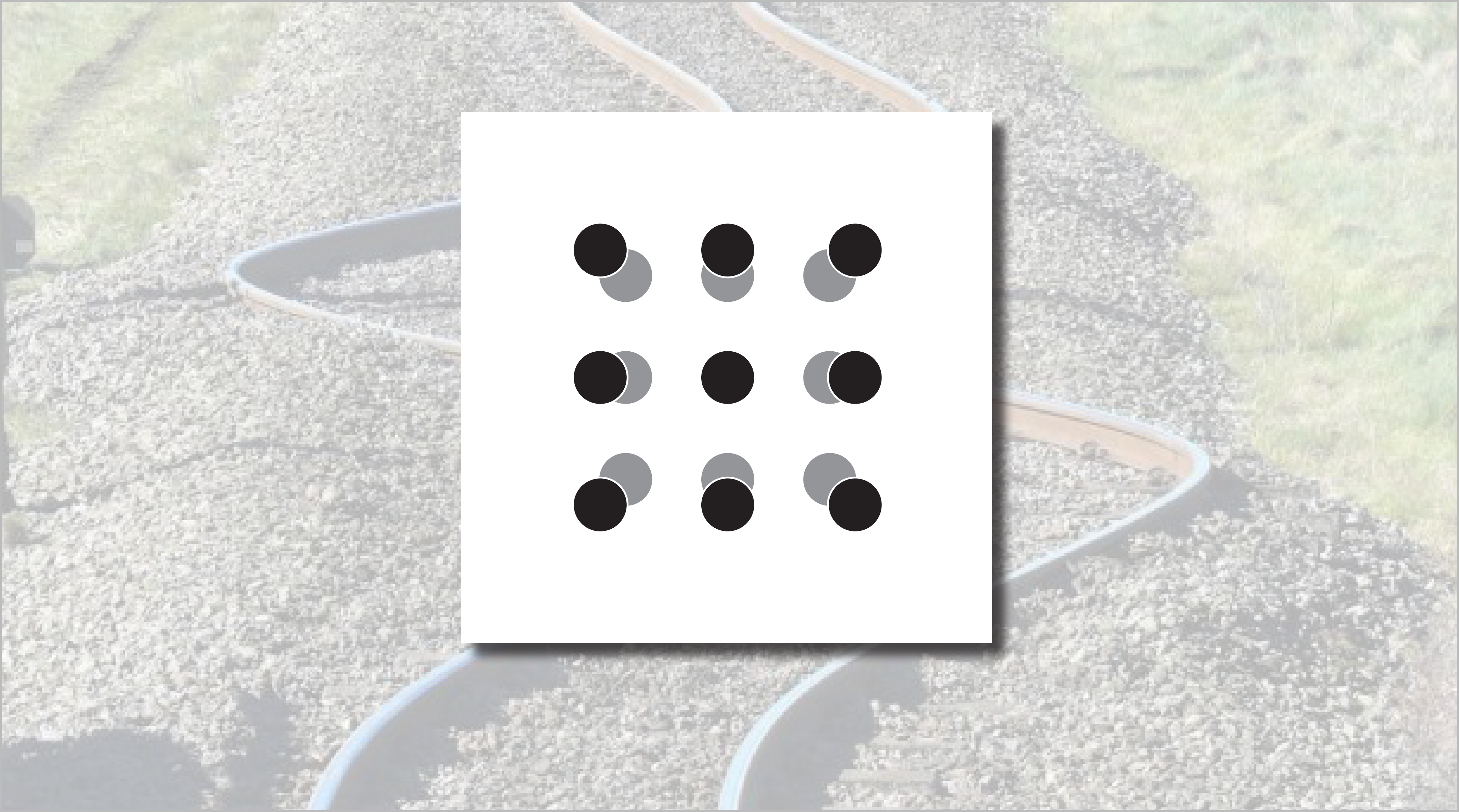


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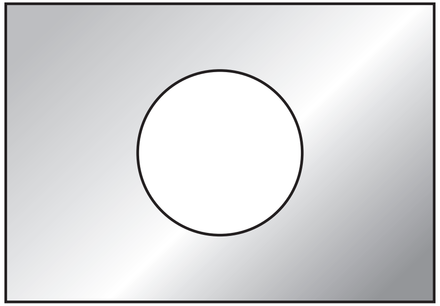

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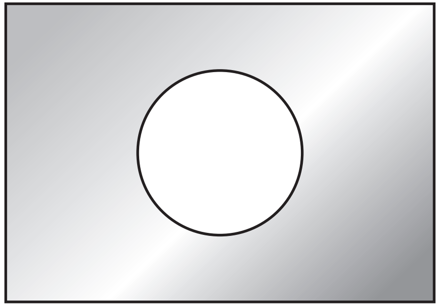

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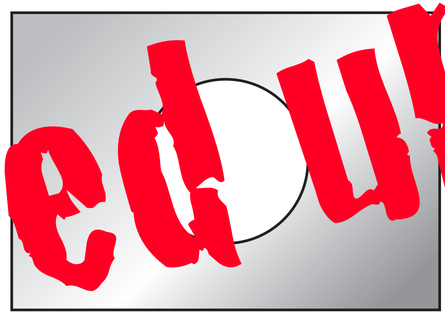

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you got all fired up!

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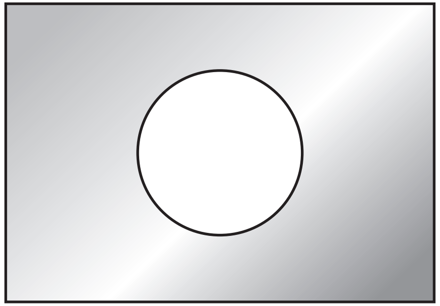

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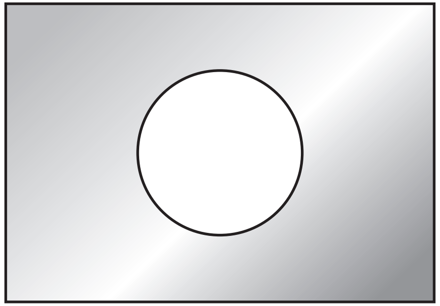

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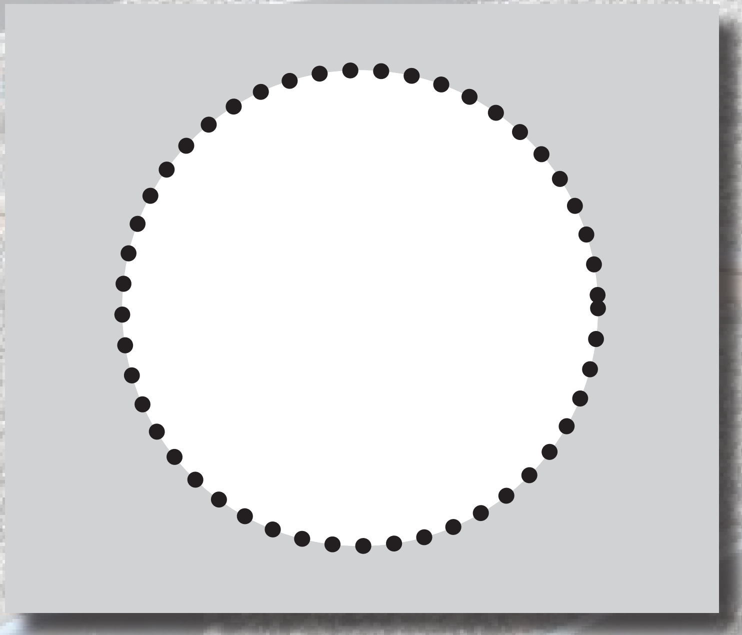

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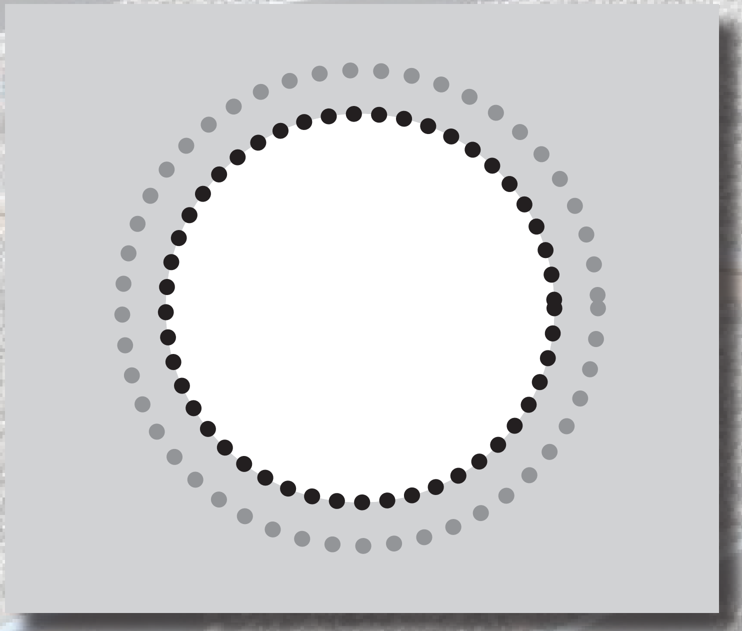

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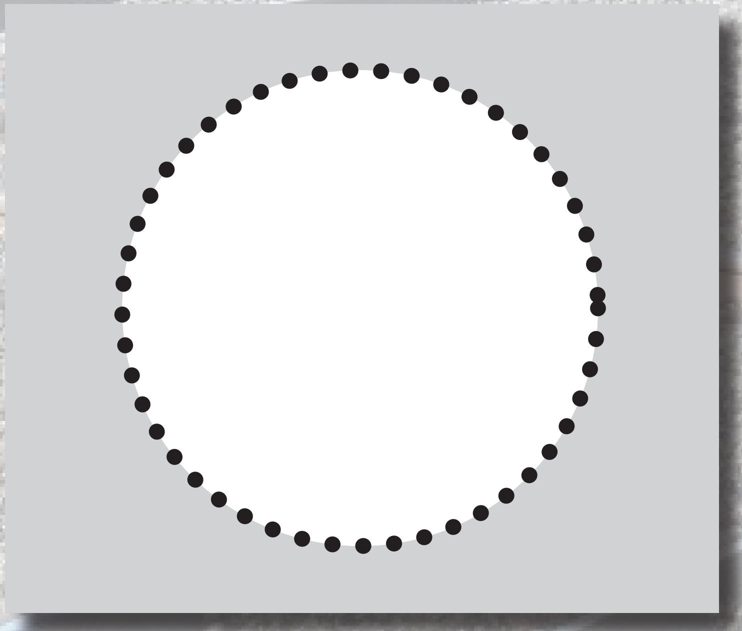

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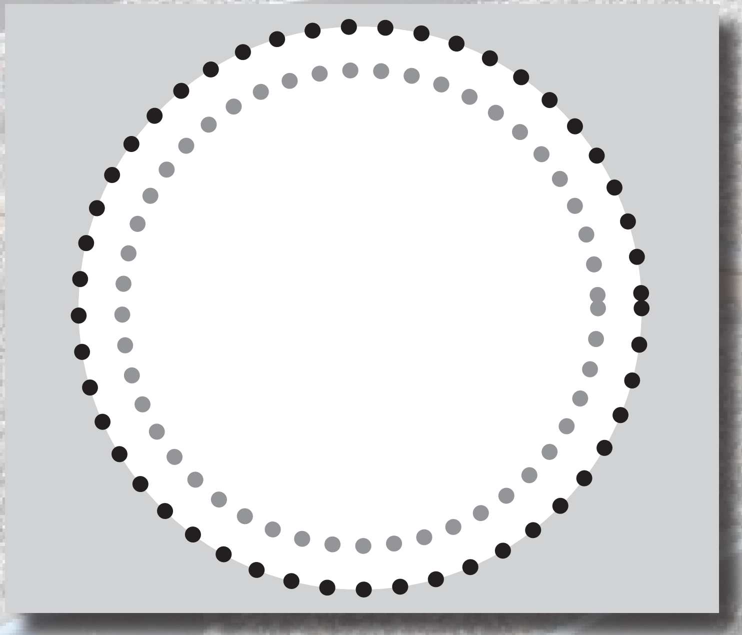

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Higher learning gains

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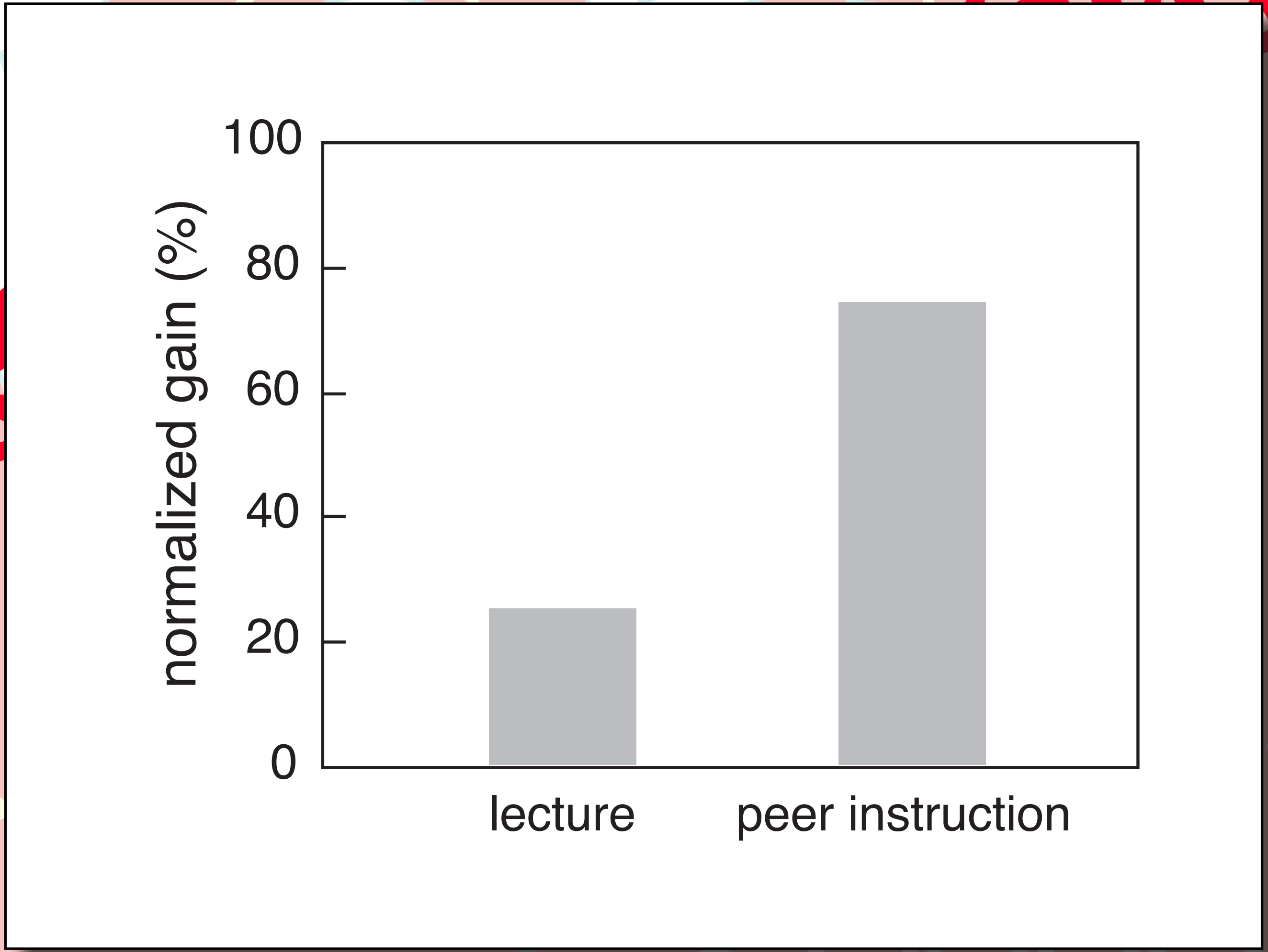

normalized gain (%)
100
80
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lecture
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Higher learning gains

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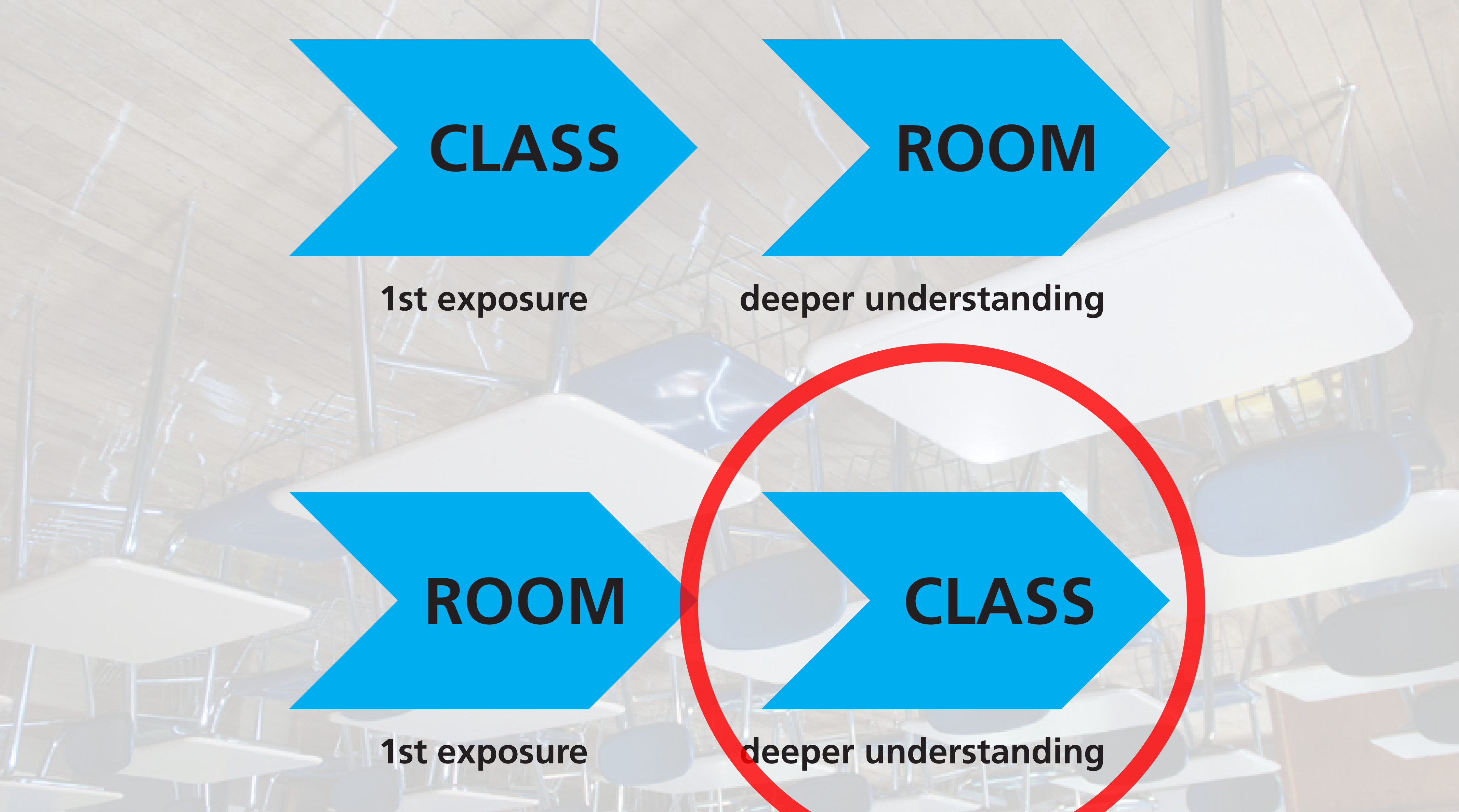
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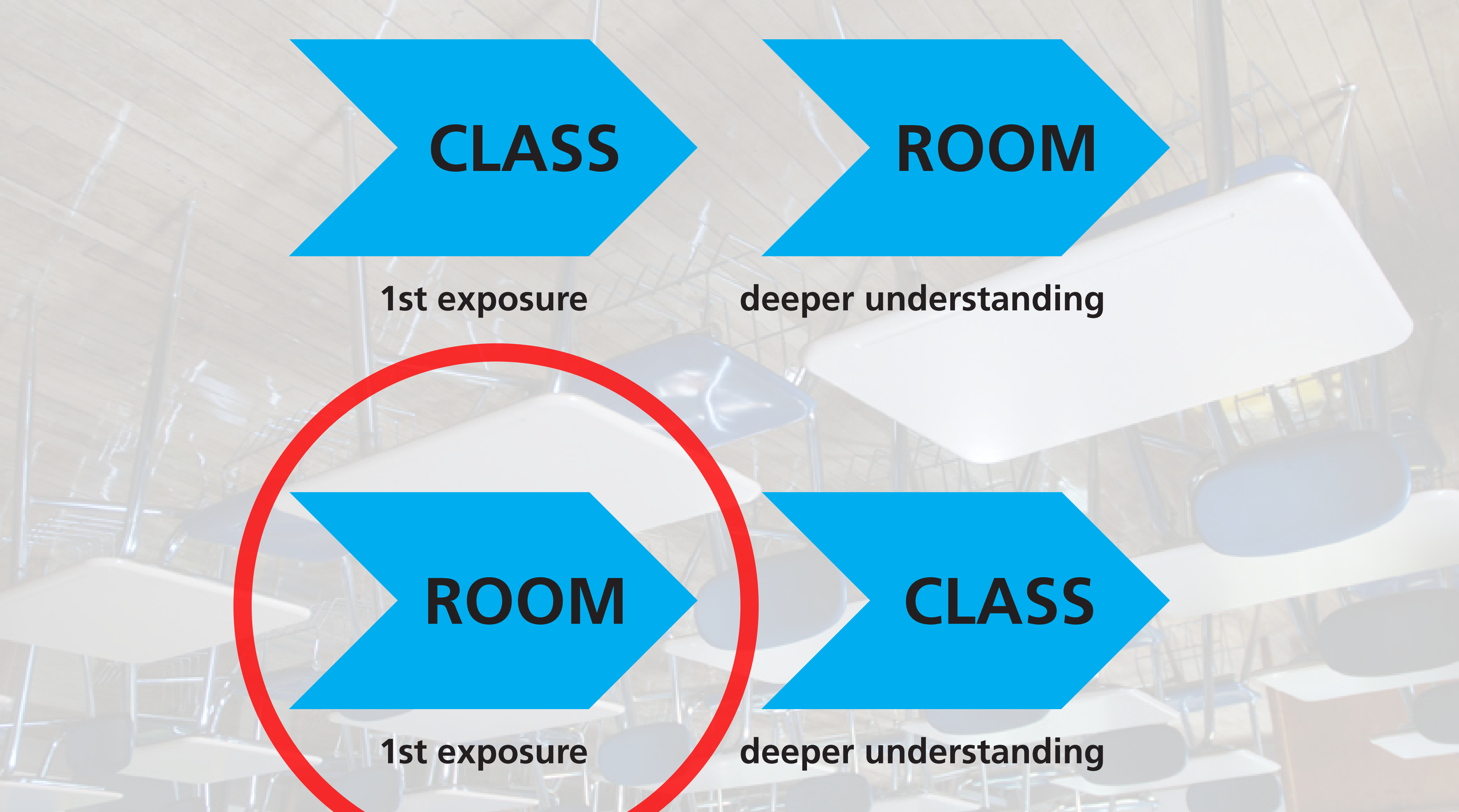
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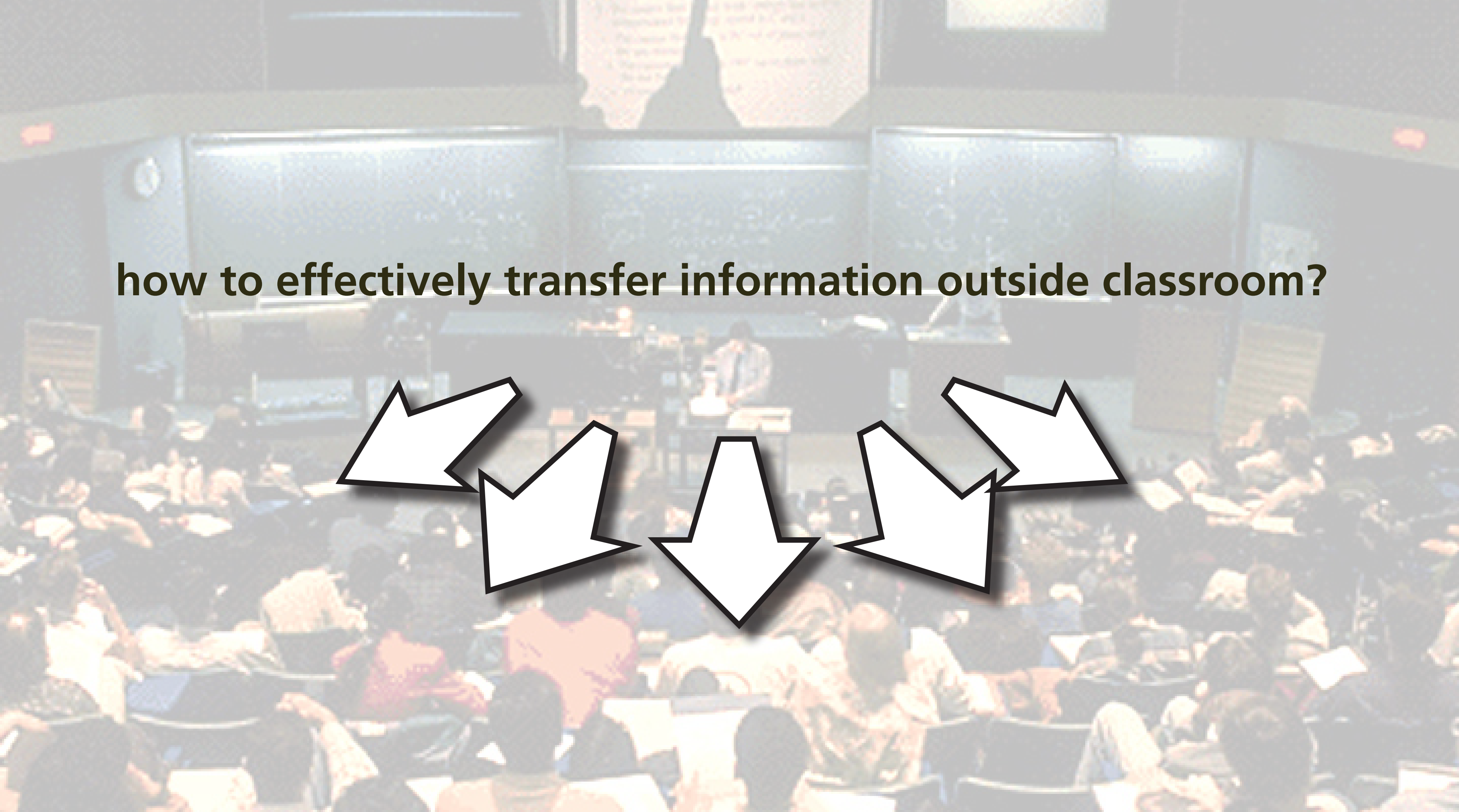
how to effectively transfer information outside classroom?


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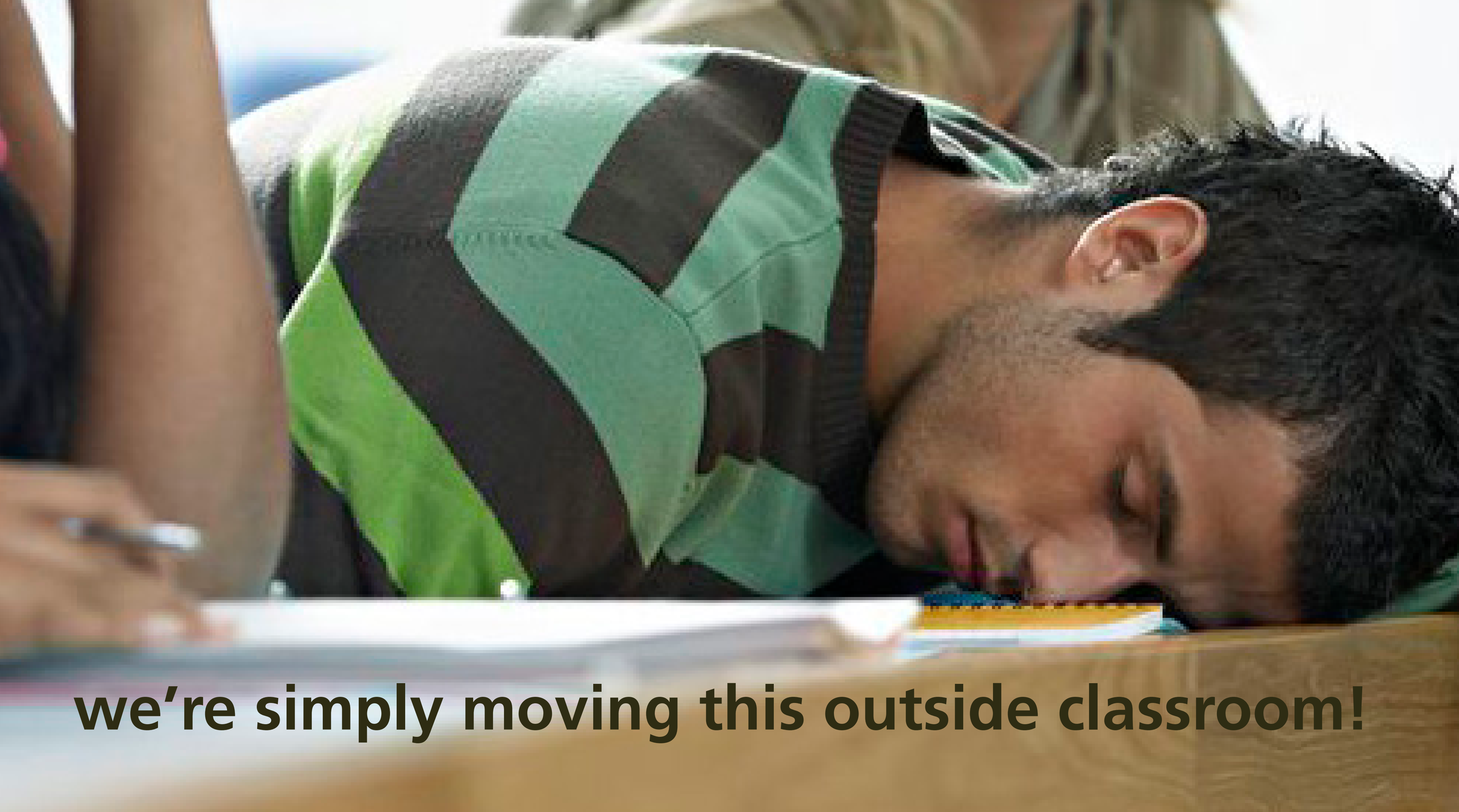
- viewing/attention tanks as time passes
- isolated/individual experience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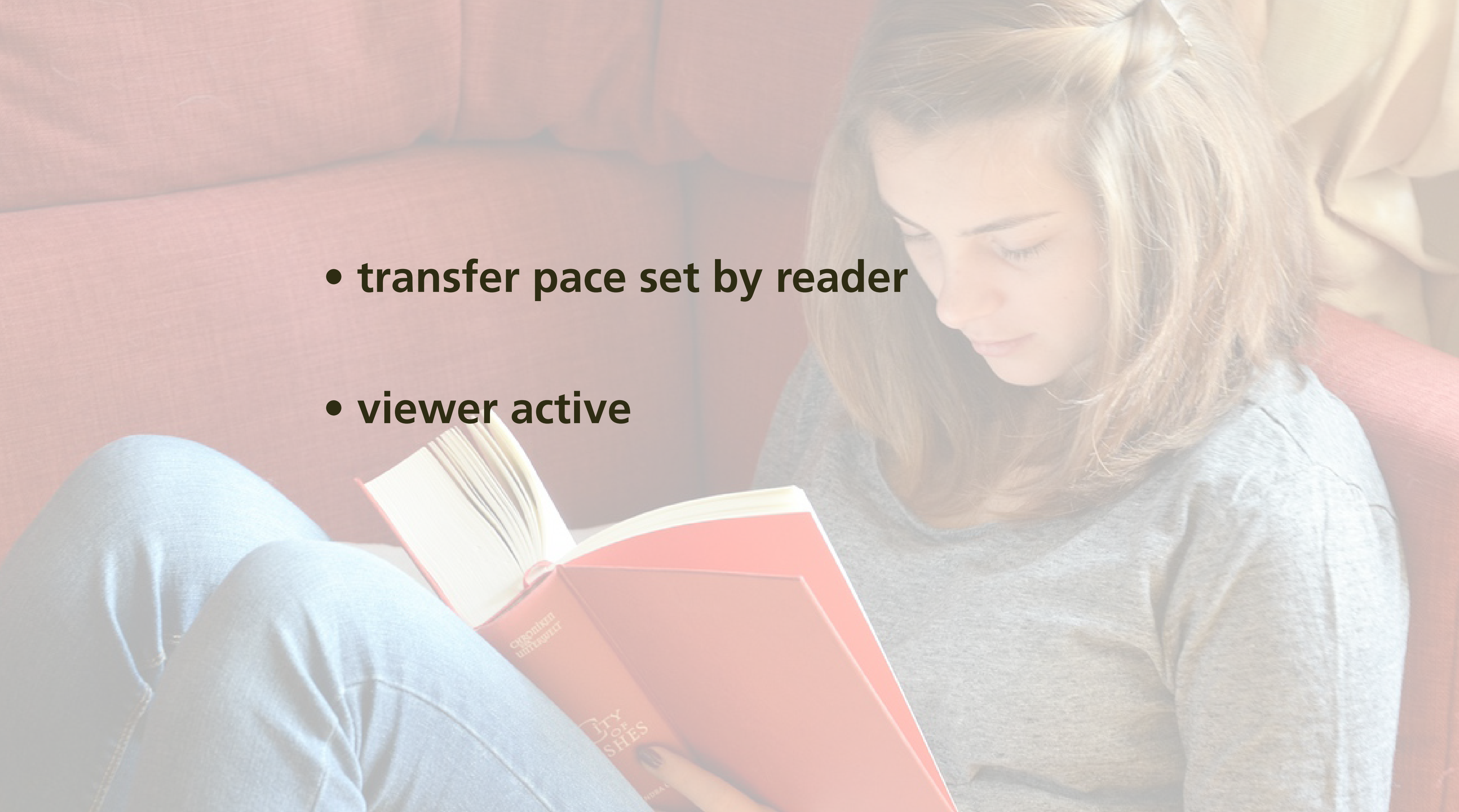
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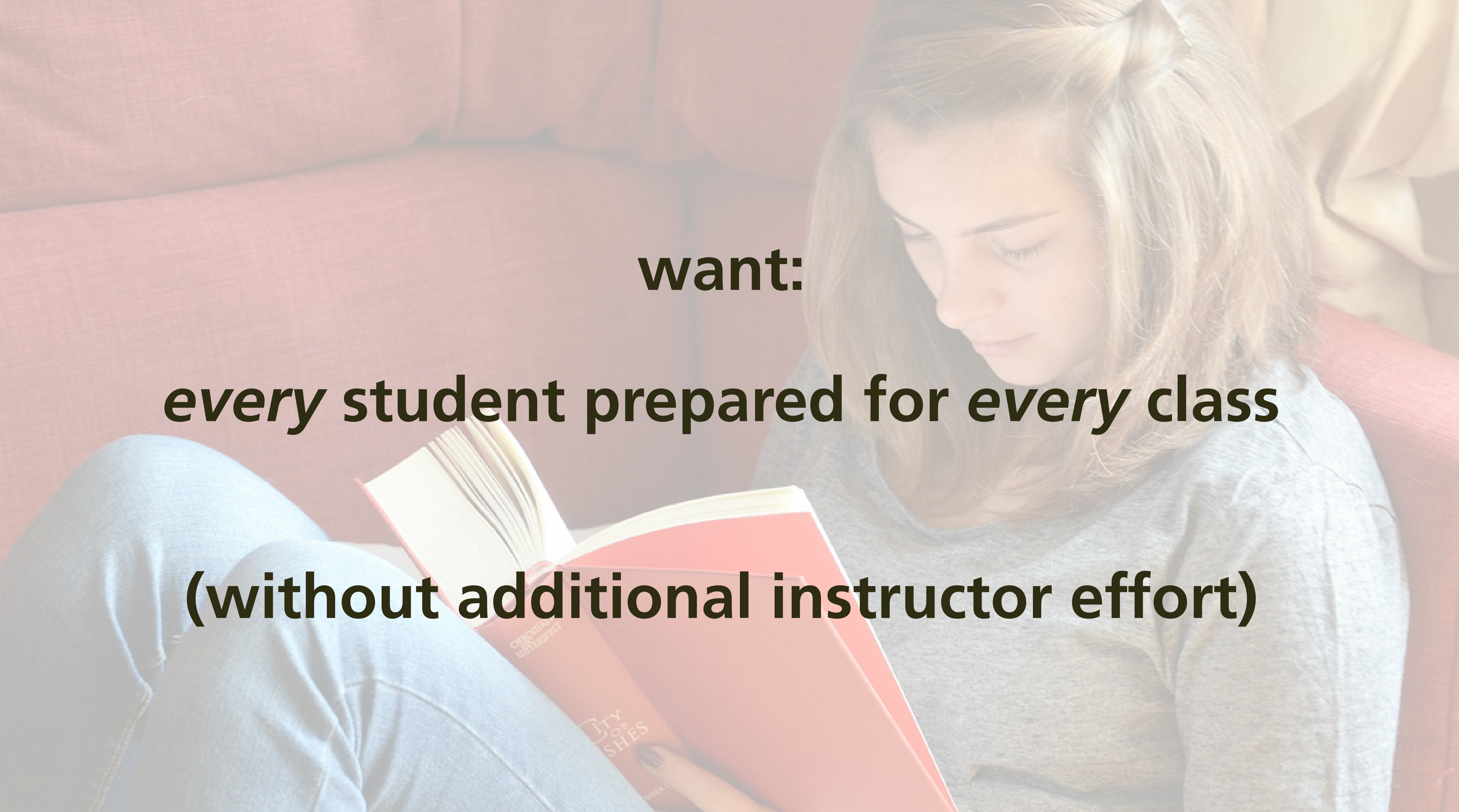

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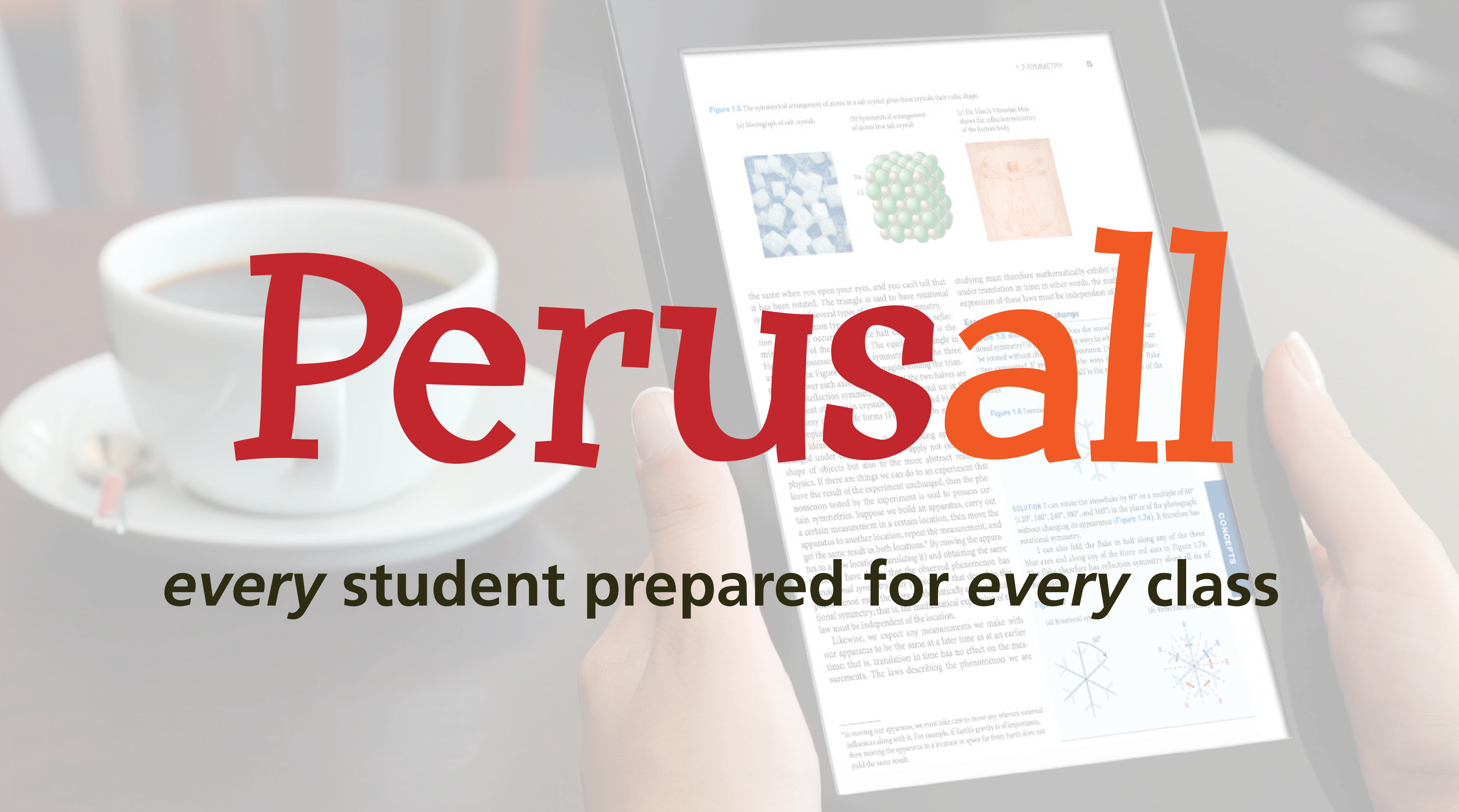
(without additional instructor effort)

Solution

turn out-of-class component

also into a social interaction!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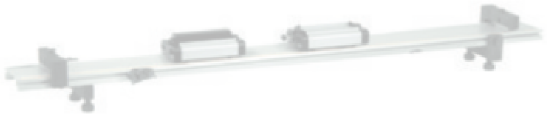

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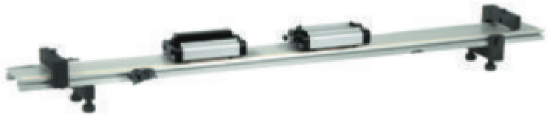

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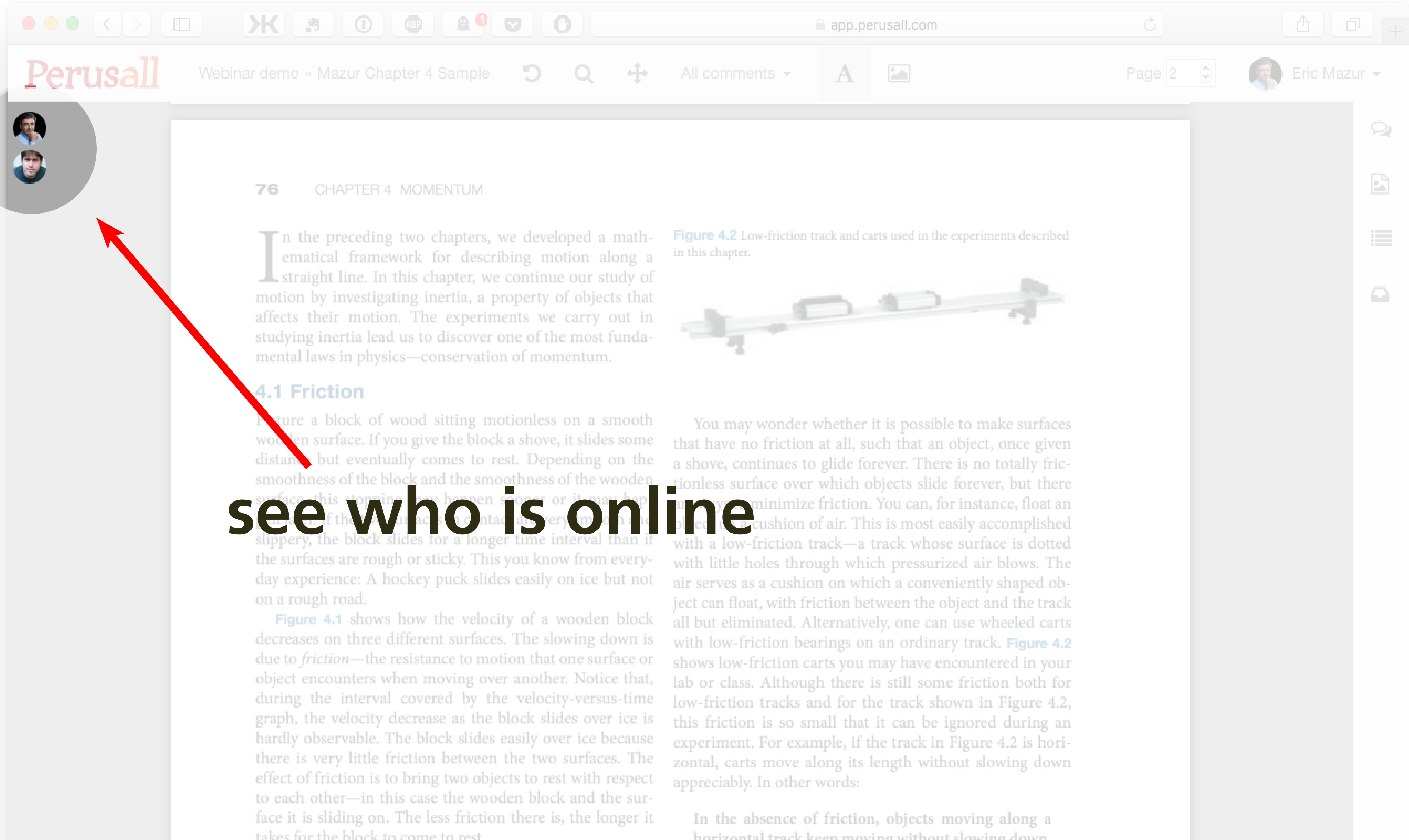
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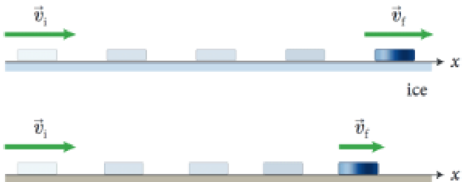

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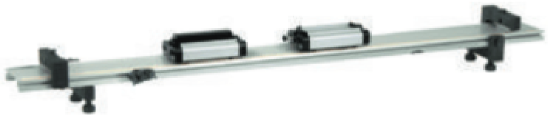

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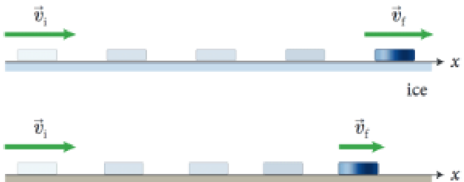

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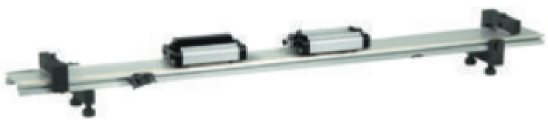

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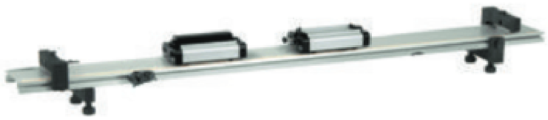
Figure 4.2 Low-friction track and carts used in the experiments described in this chapter.



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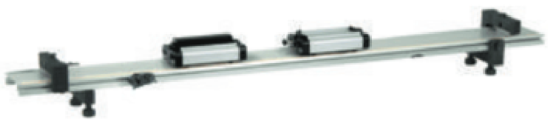

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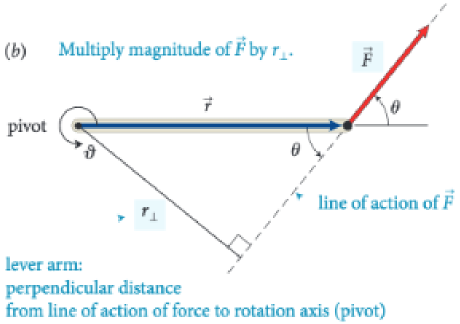

action of the force and the axis of rotation. So, the torque caused by a force exerted on an object is the product of the magnitude of the force and its lever arm distance. It can be written equivalently as $rF_\perp$ and as $r_\perp F$.

Like other rotational quantities, torque carries a sign that depends on the choice of direction for increasing ϑ. In Figure 12.4, for example, the torque caused by $\vec{F}_1$ about the pivot tends to rotate the rod in the direction of increasing ϑ and so is positive; the torque caused by $\vec{F}_2$ is negative. The sum of the two torques about the pivot is then $r_1F_1 + (-r_2F_2)$. As we've seen, the two torques are equal in magnitude when the rod is balanced, and so the sum of the torques is zero. When the sum of the torques is not zero, the rod's rotational acceleration is nonzero, and so its rotational velocity and angular momentum change.

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

CONCEPTS

reference point

$\vec{F}_1$

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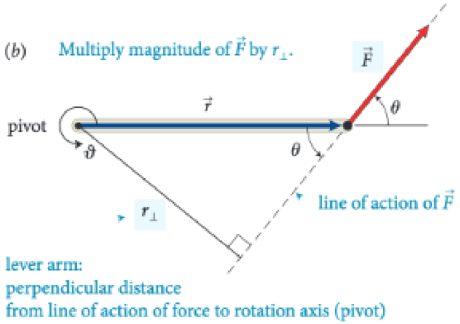

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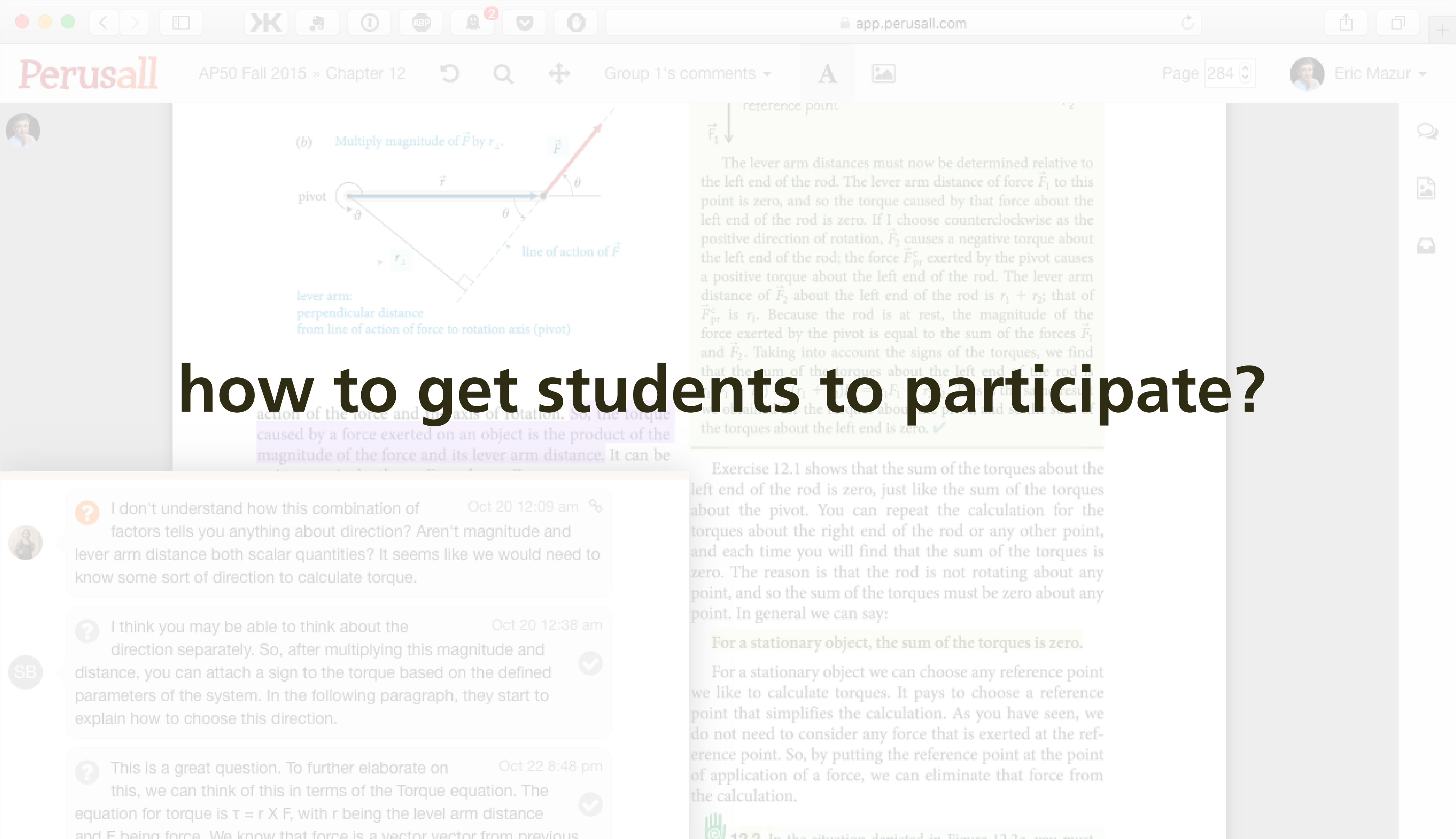

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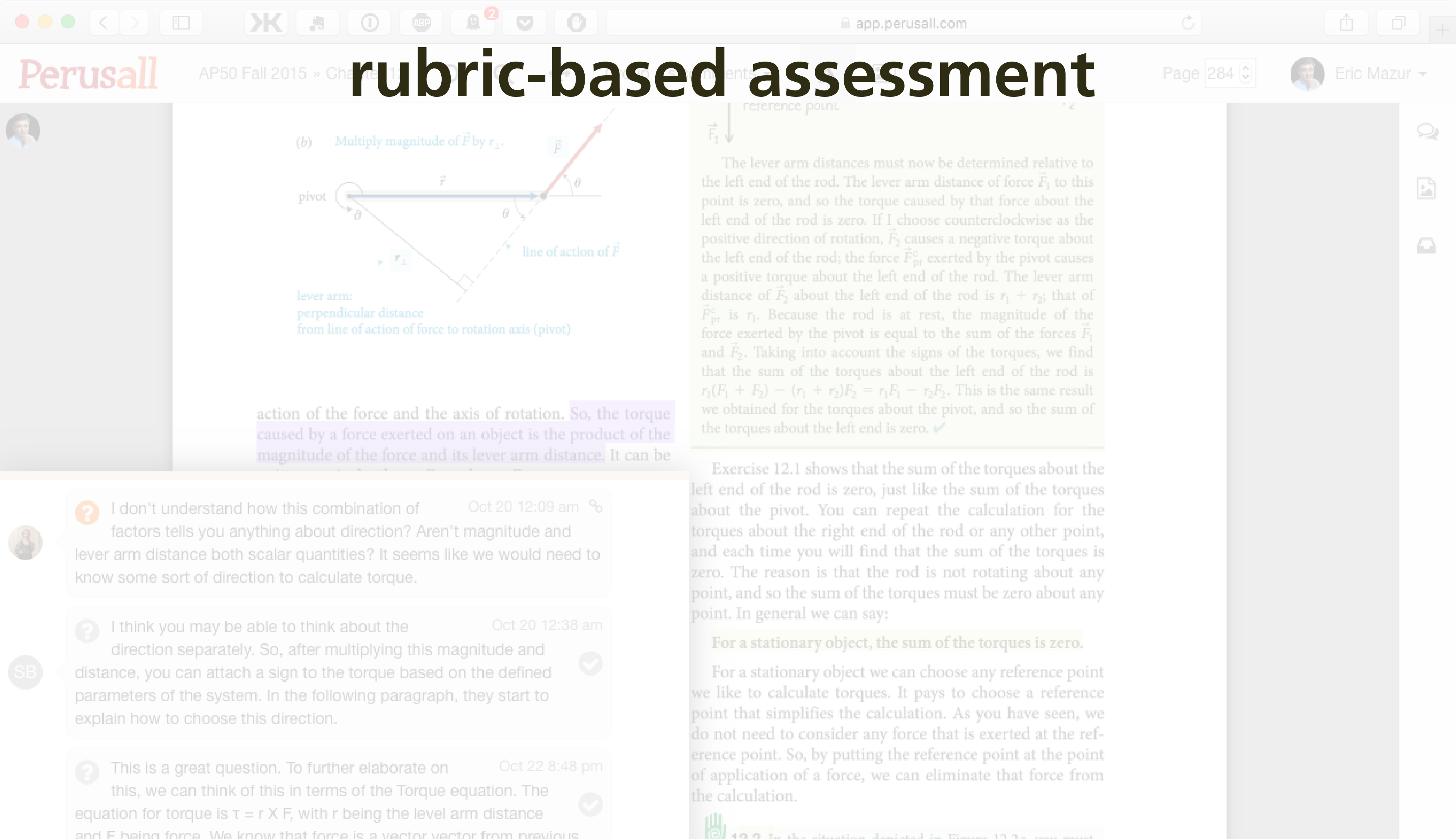

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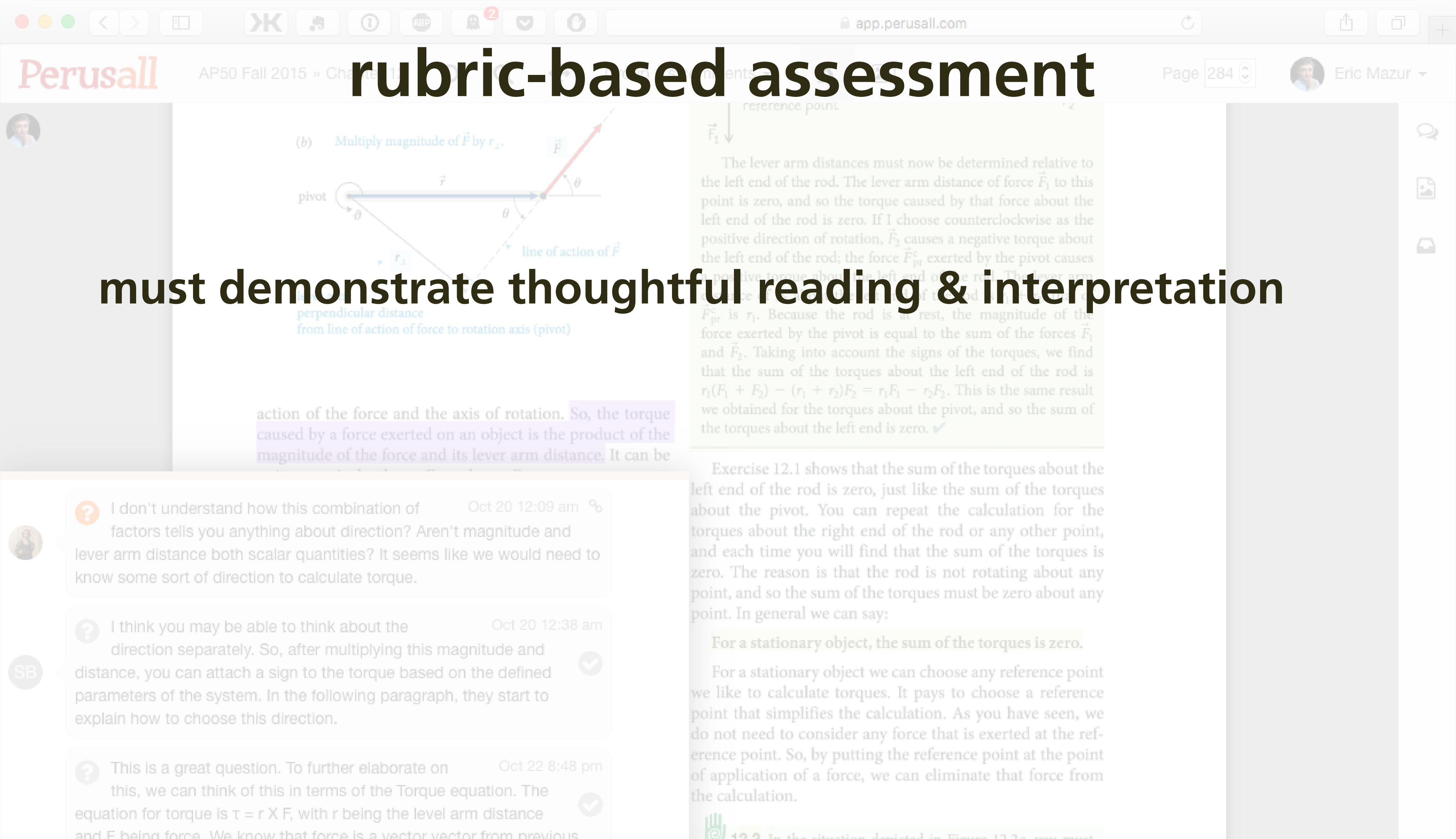

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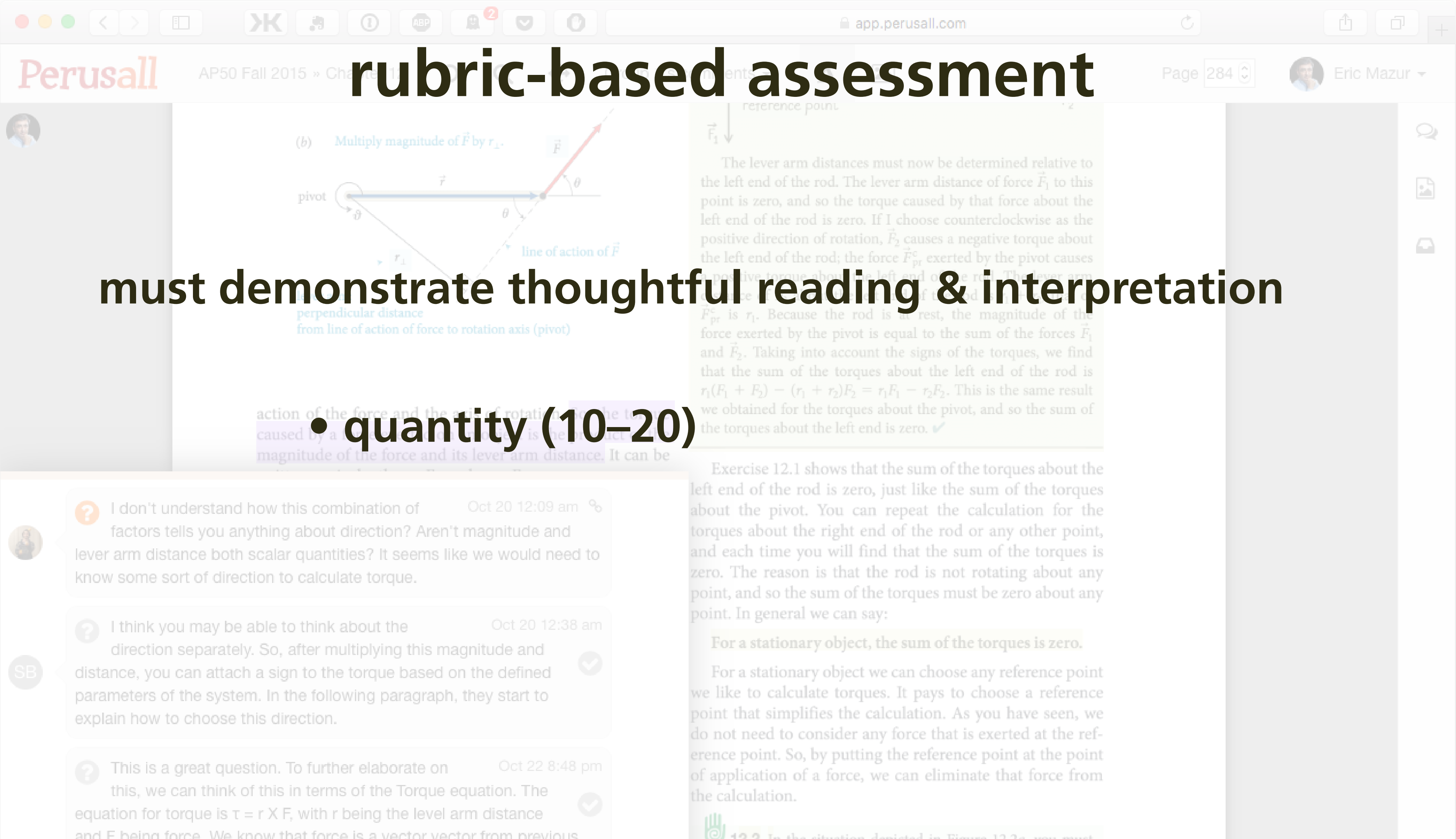

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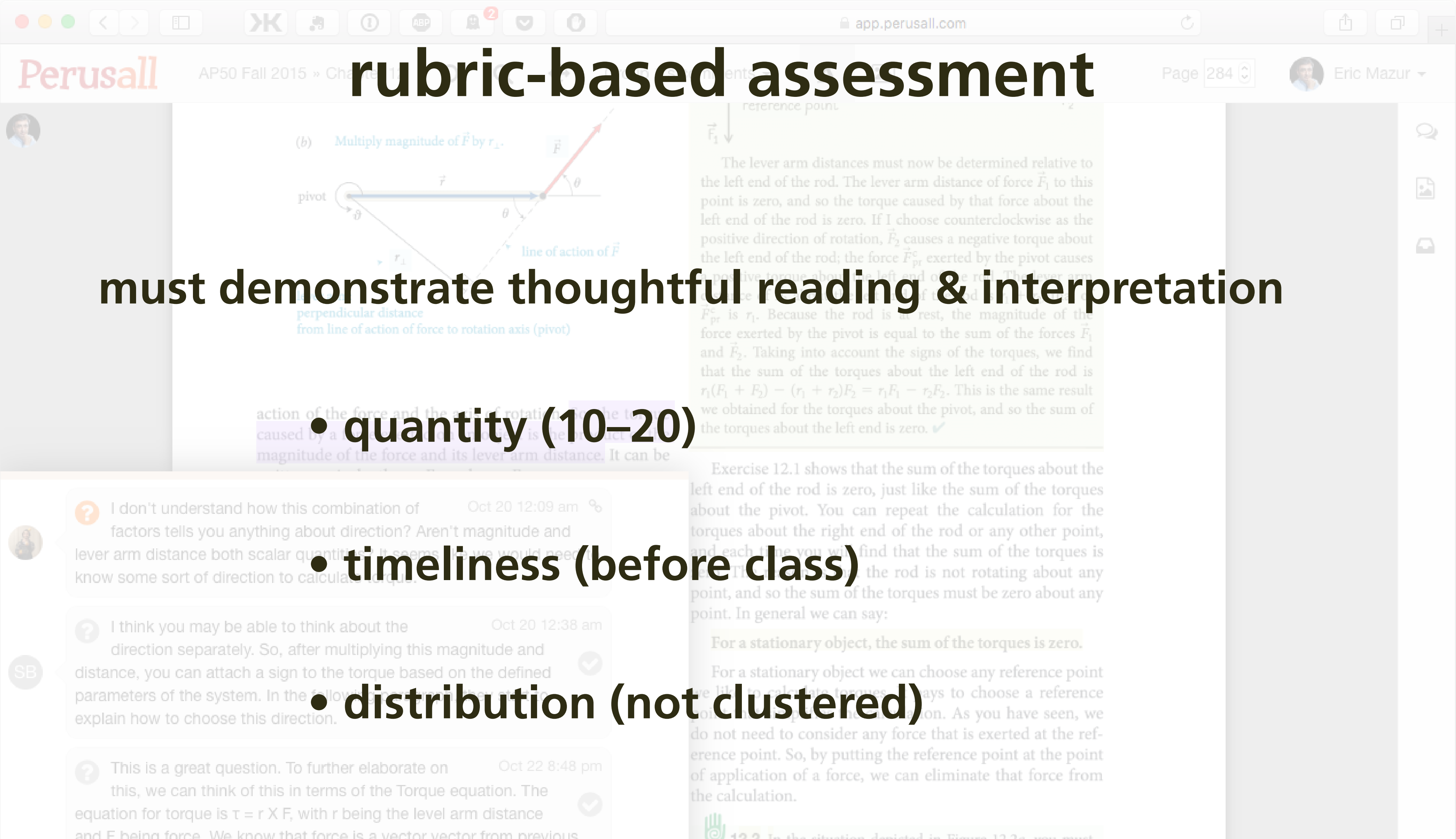

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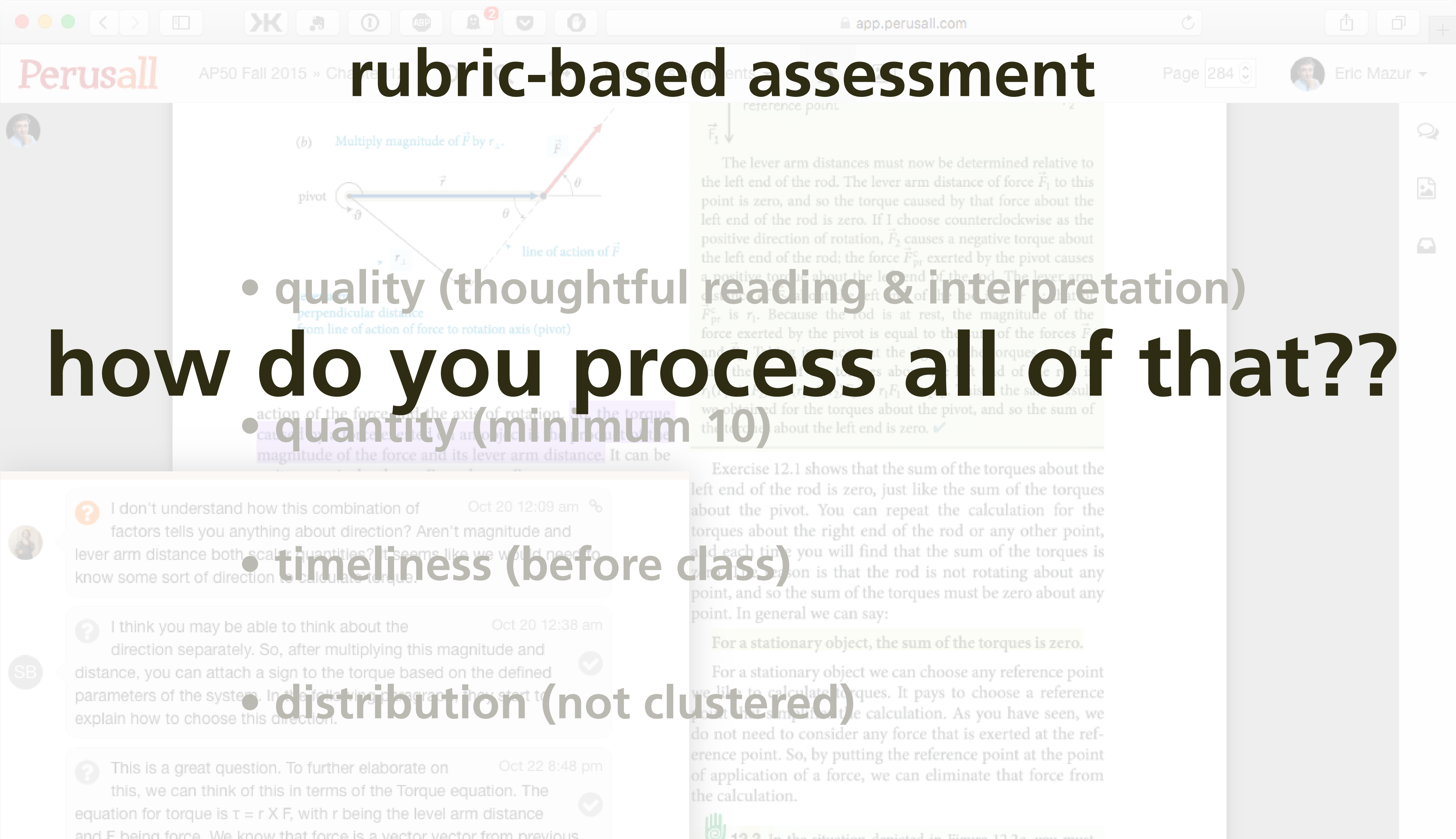

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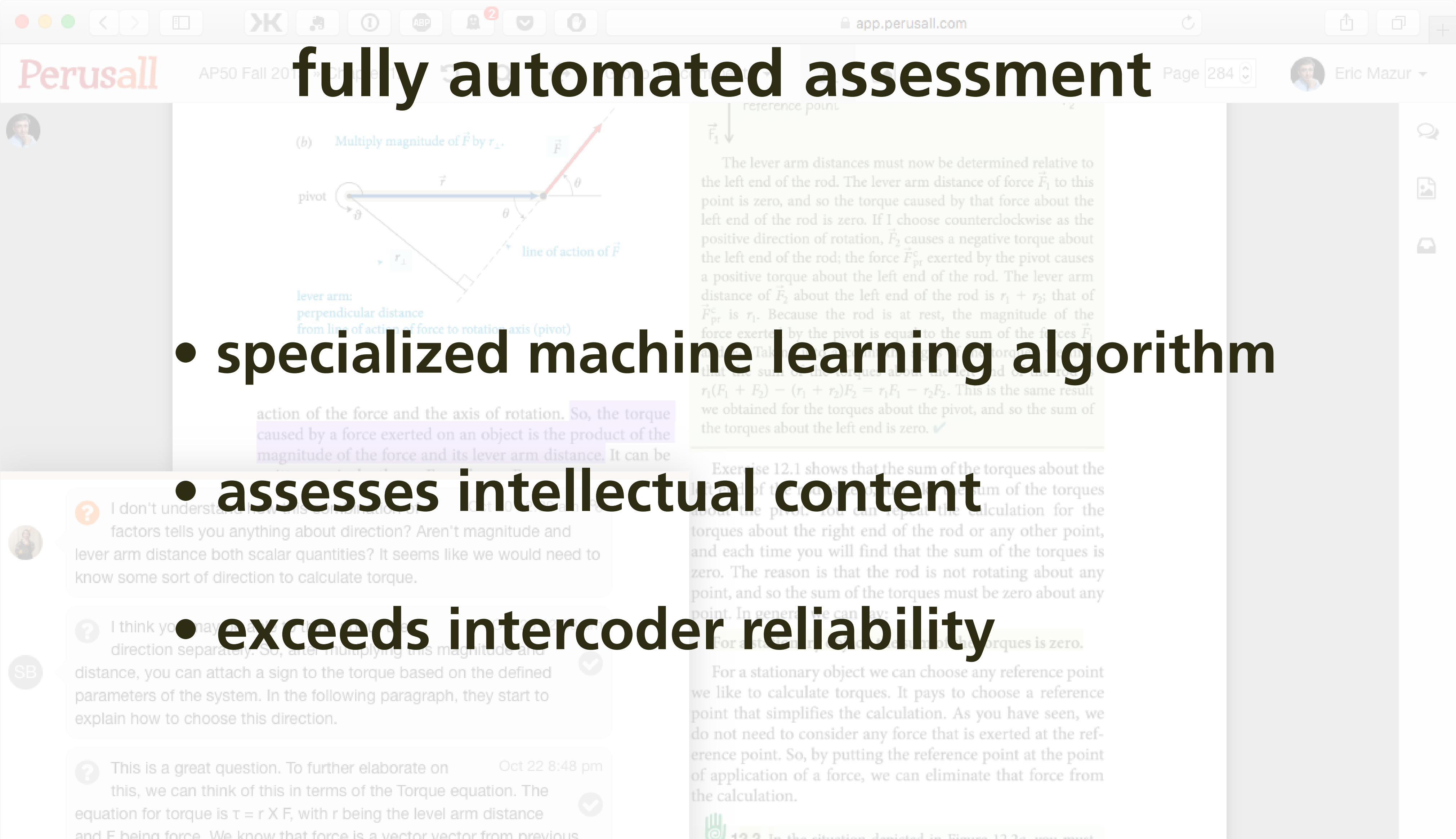
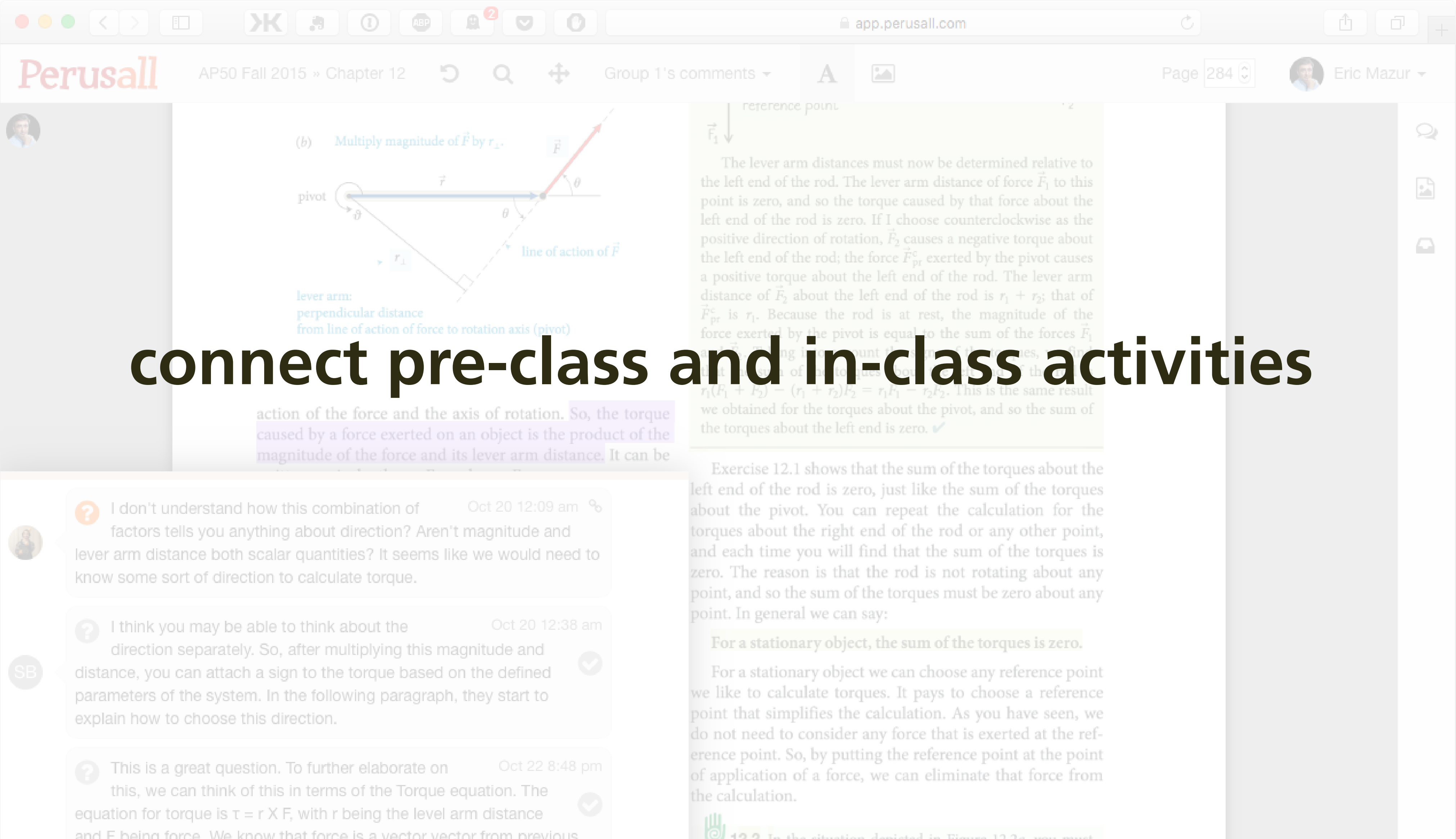


- specialized machine learning algorithm
- assesses intellectual content
- exceeds intercoder reliability

connect pre-class and in-class activities



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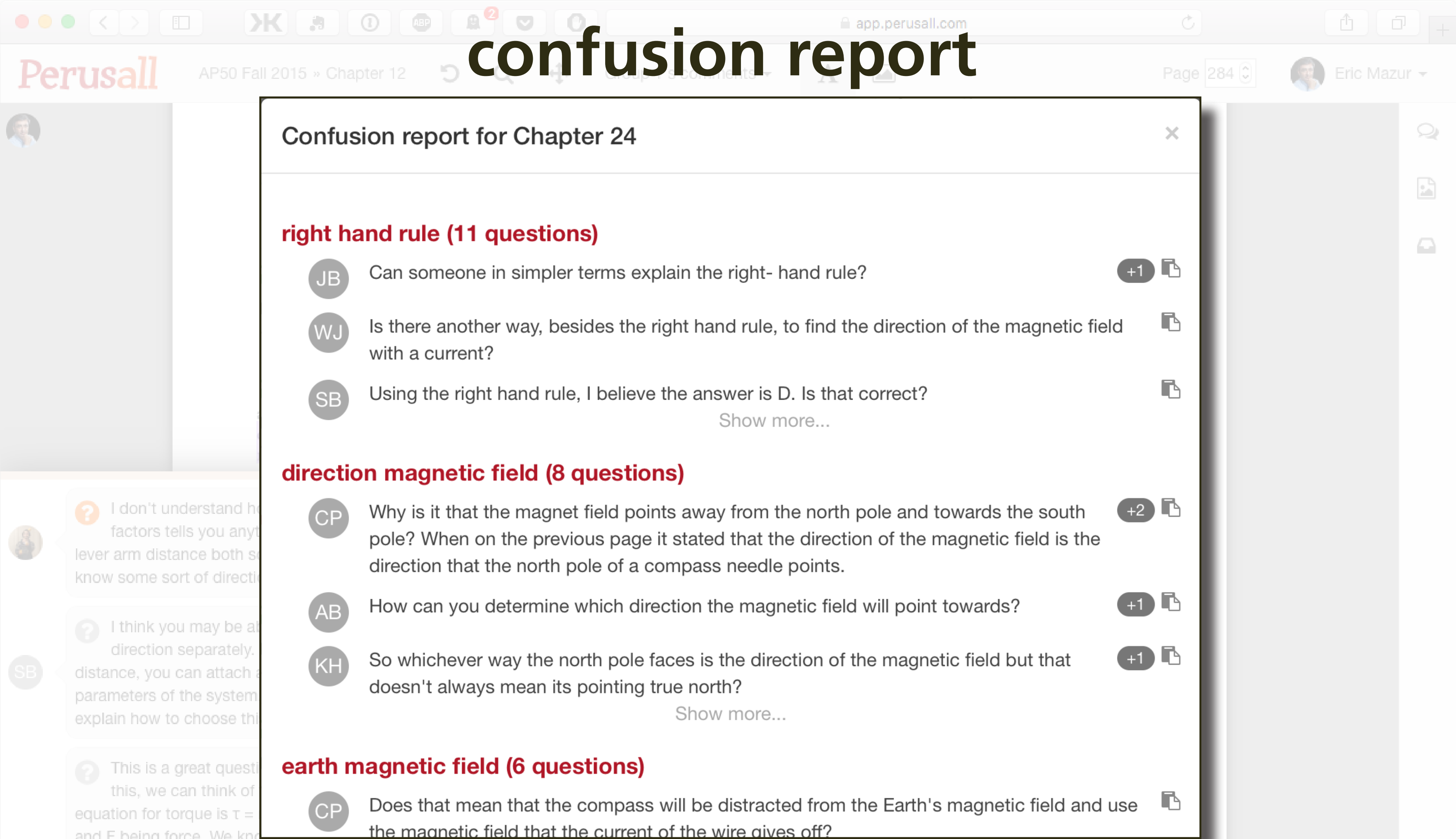

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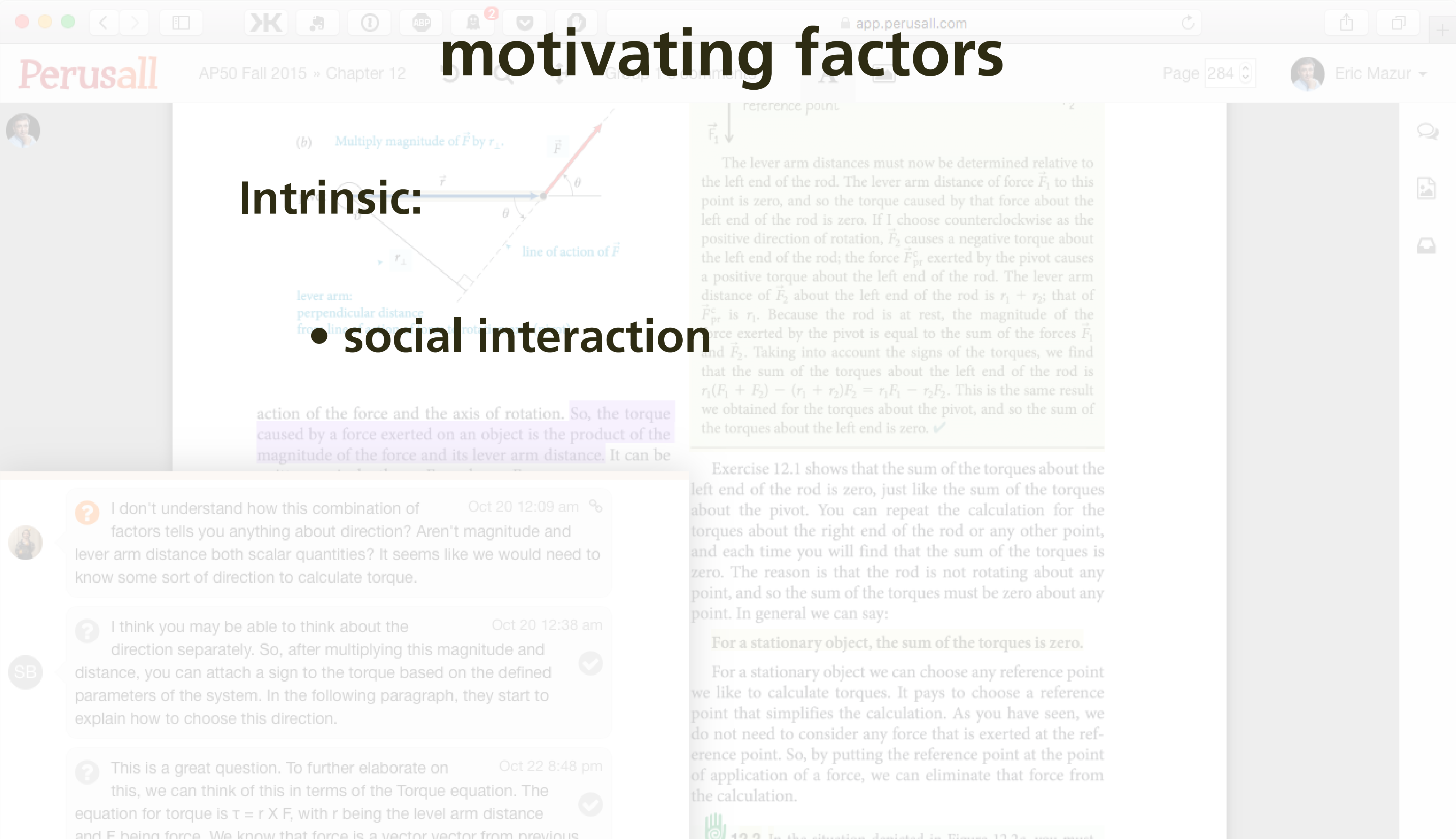

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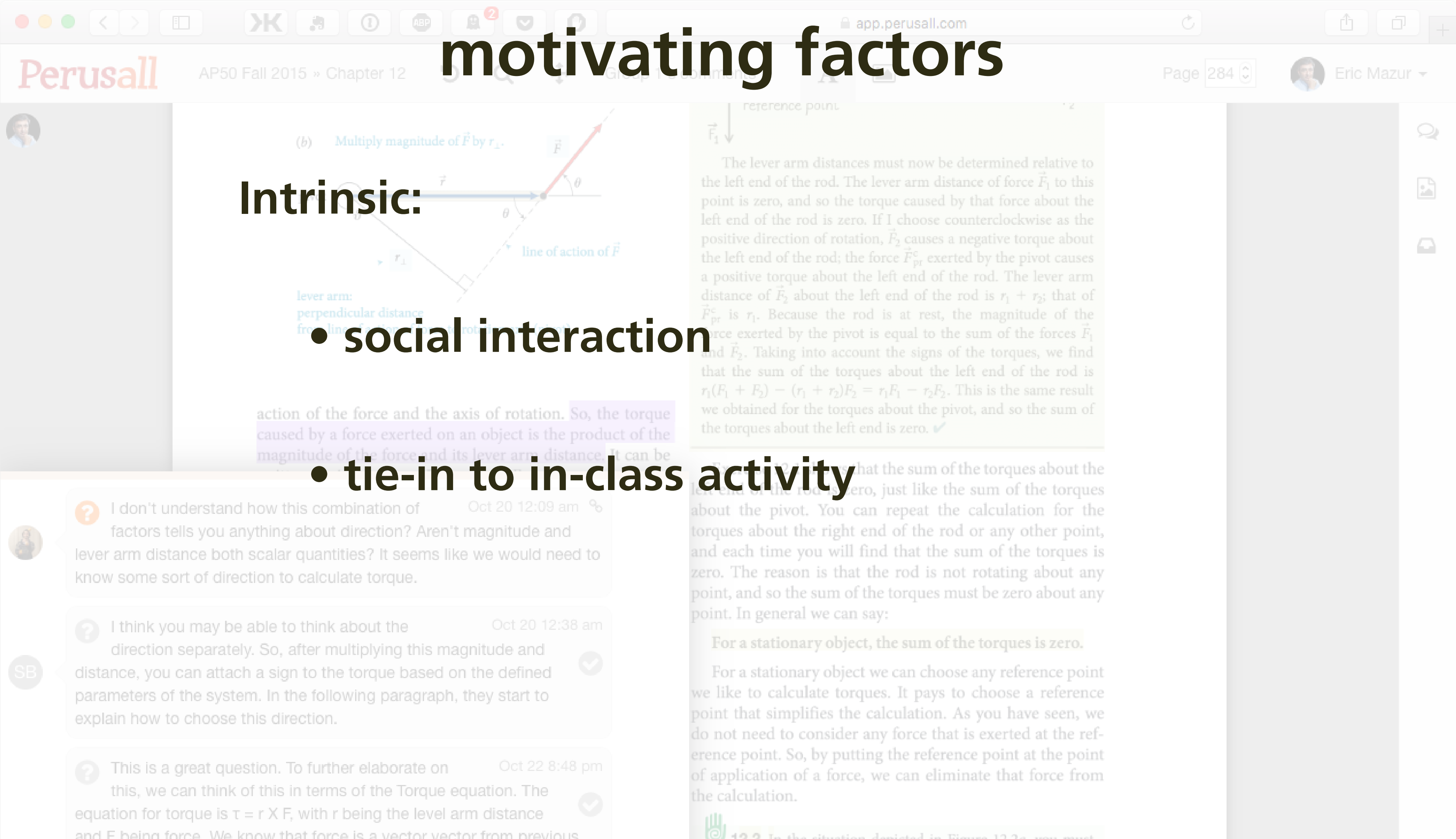

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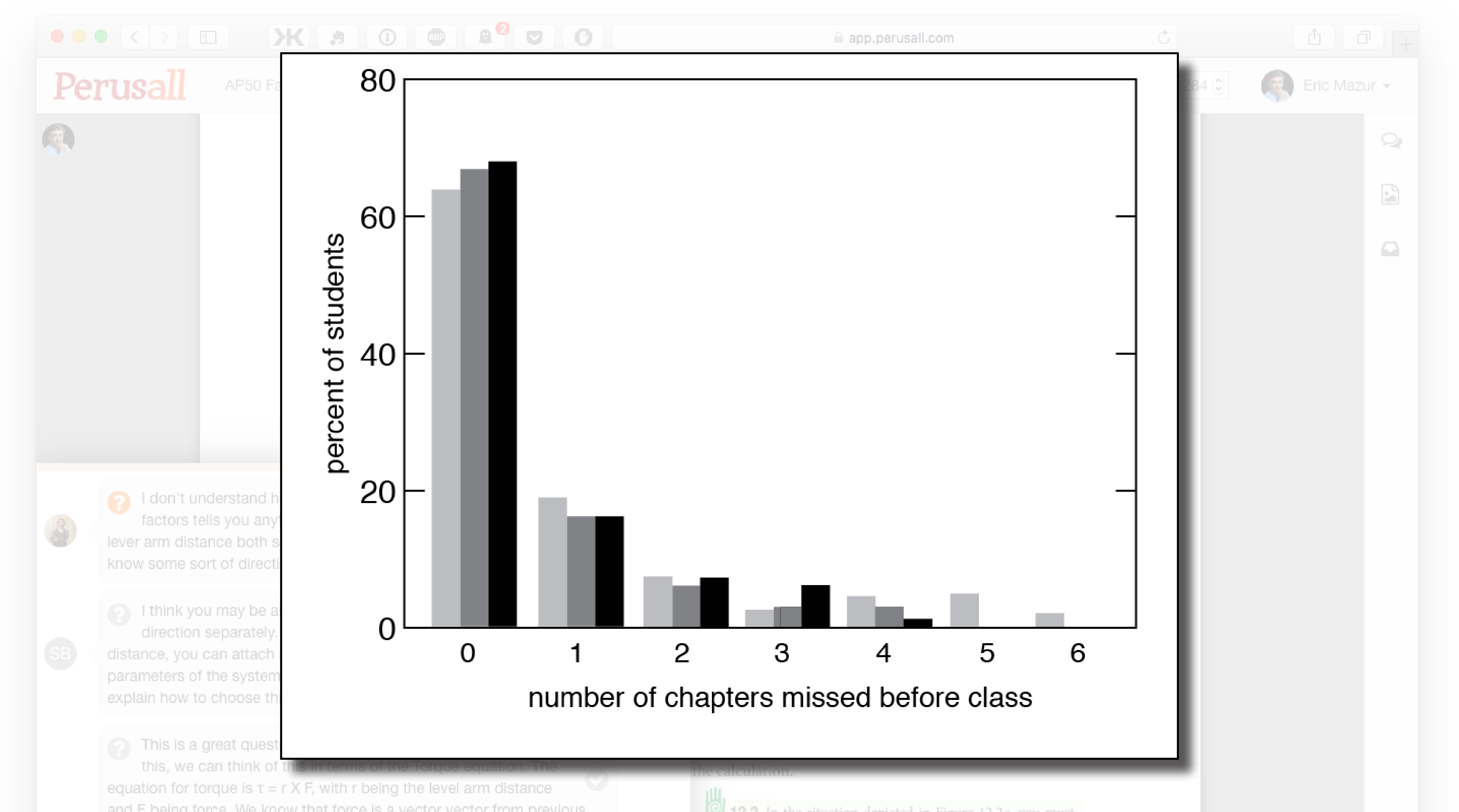
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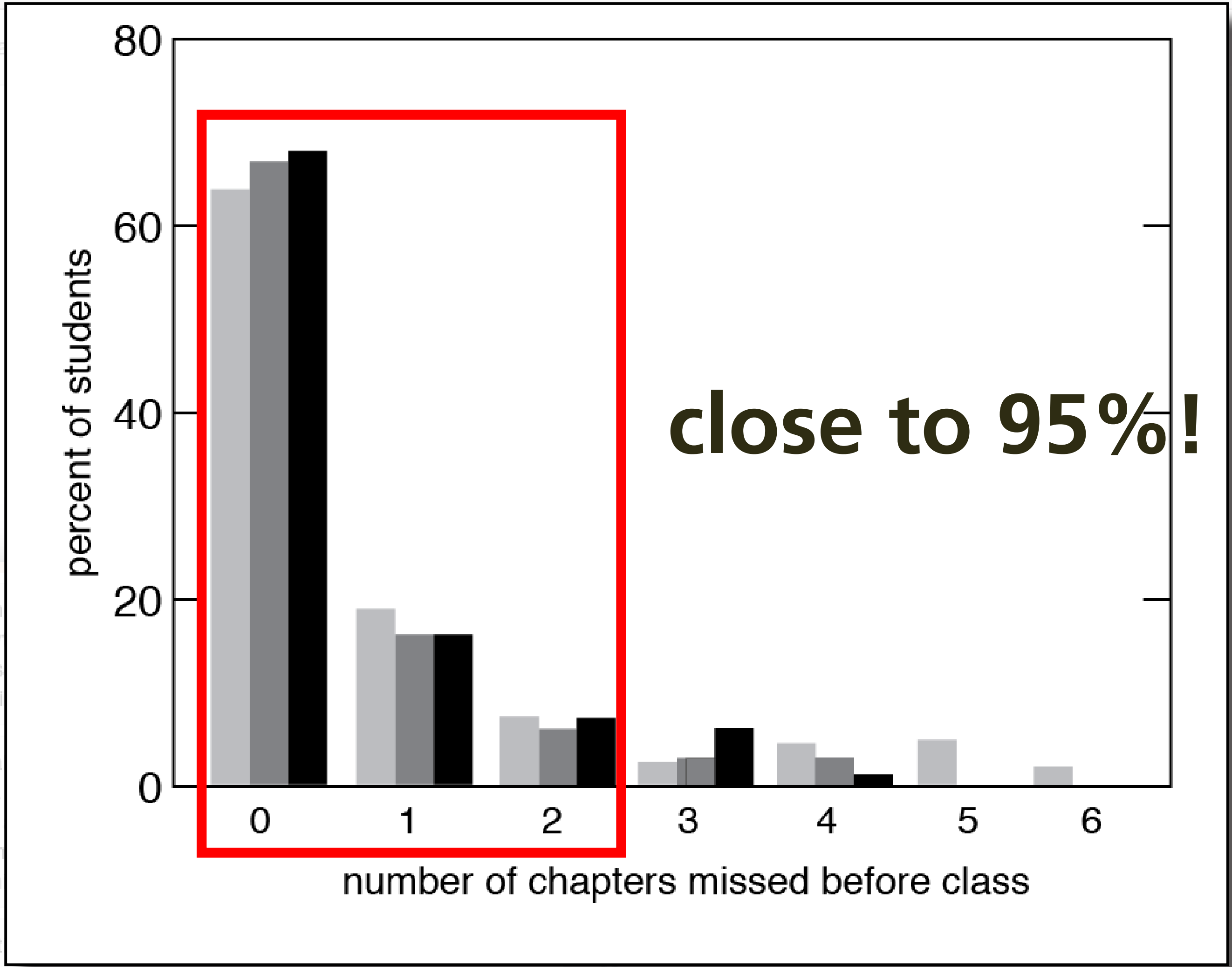
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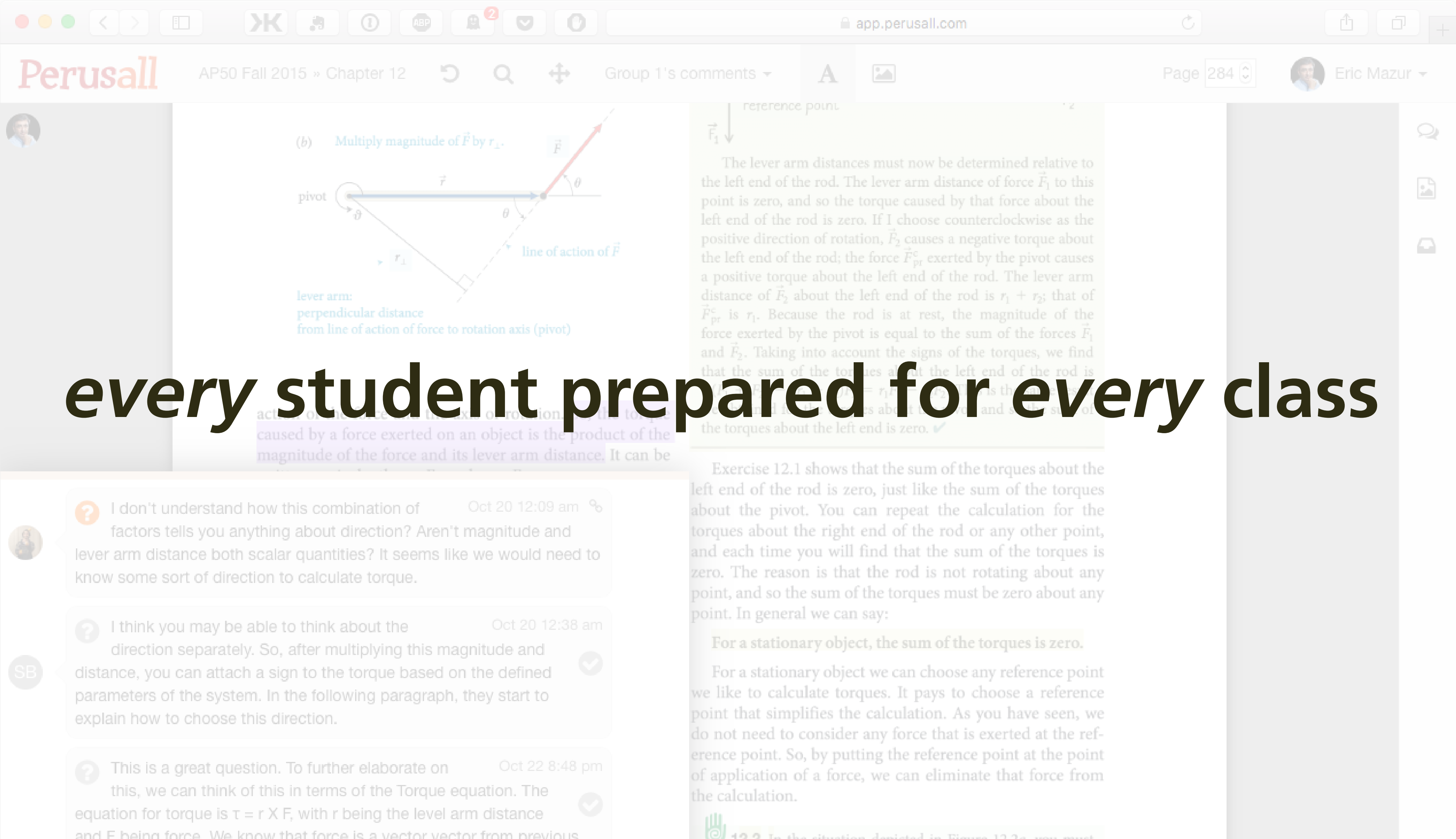

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