DESIGNING FOR DEEPER LEARNING: MASTERY, IDENTITY, CREATIVITY & A NEW GRAMMAR OF SCHOOLING

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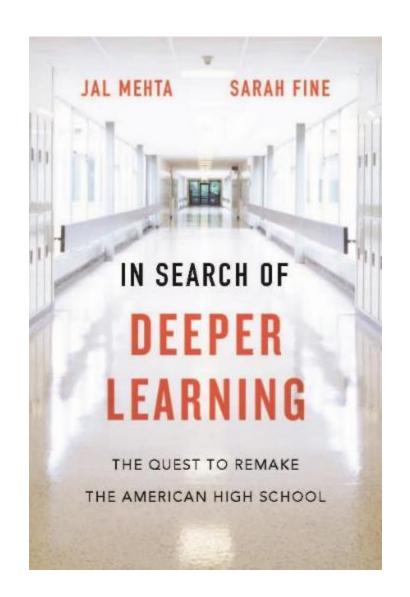




What should be.







Theater: Servant of Two Masters

(Suburban Traditional High School)

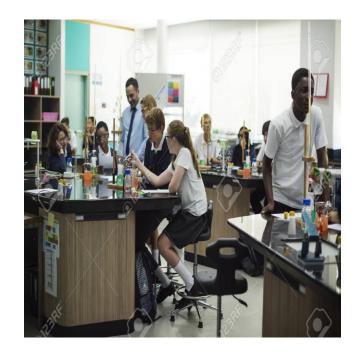
- Authentic Purpose: Arc towards public performance
- Student agency
- Choice
- Community/family
- Whole game at junior level



Science: Methods of Scientific Inquiry

(Urban Traditional High School)

- Design an experiment around an authentic research question (ex: does music make you more focused while studying?)
- Choice and agency
- Conduct literature review
- Design the study, given financial and logistical constraints
- Adjust hypothesis when null results happen



Project Based Learning: California Innocence Project

XONR8 Project (High Tech High Chula Vista)

- Meet with real exonerees
- Meet with lawyers at the CIP
- Read & analyze a "training case"
- Work on a pending case
- Present cases to the CIP lawyers
- Write a final argumentative essay



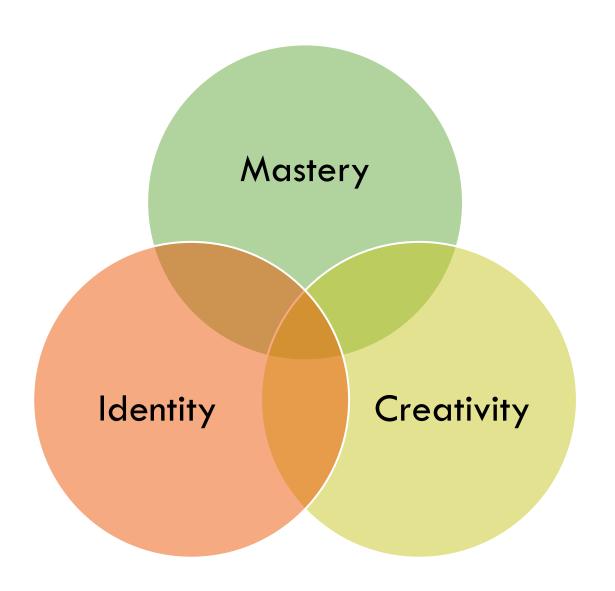
California Exonerate Project

"Why do I feel like I need to do well in this project? Because we're just part of something so big. It's like we're holding somebody's life in our hands."

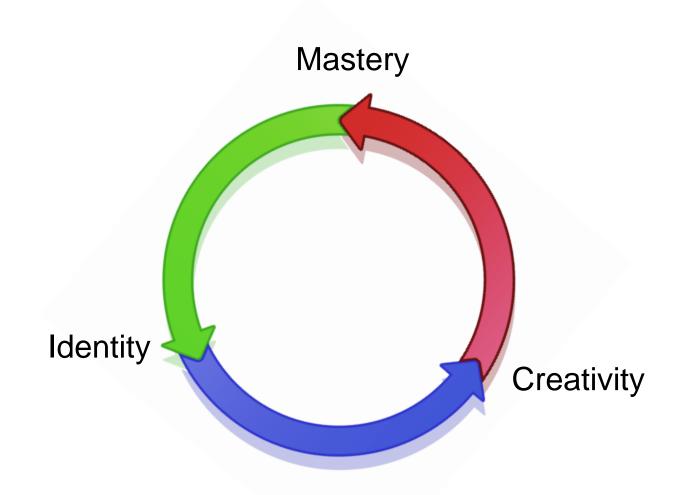


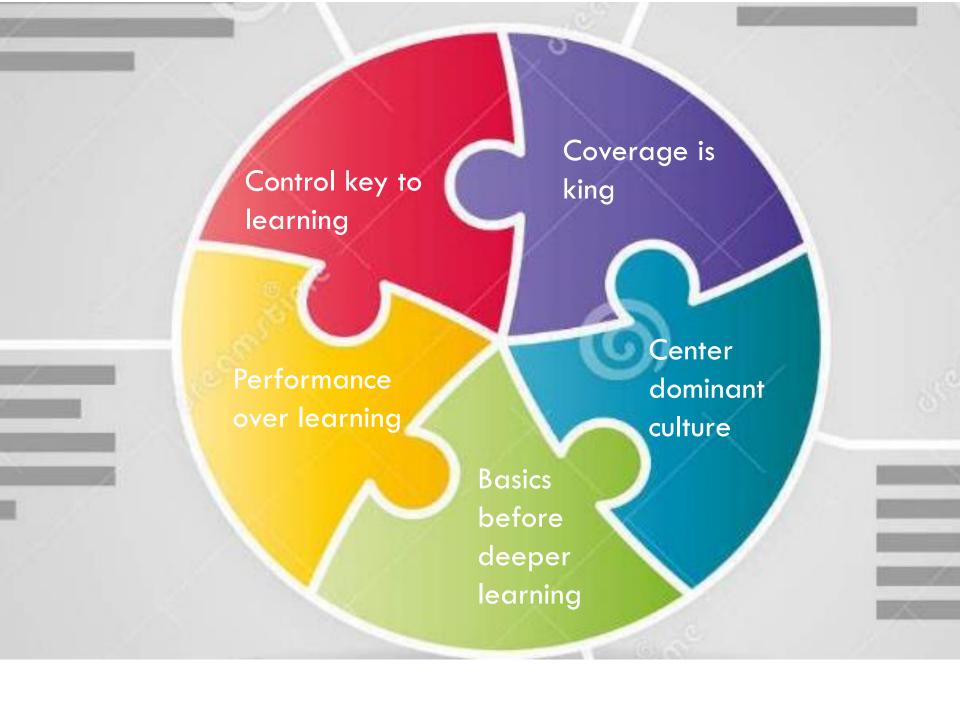


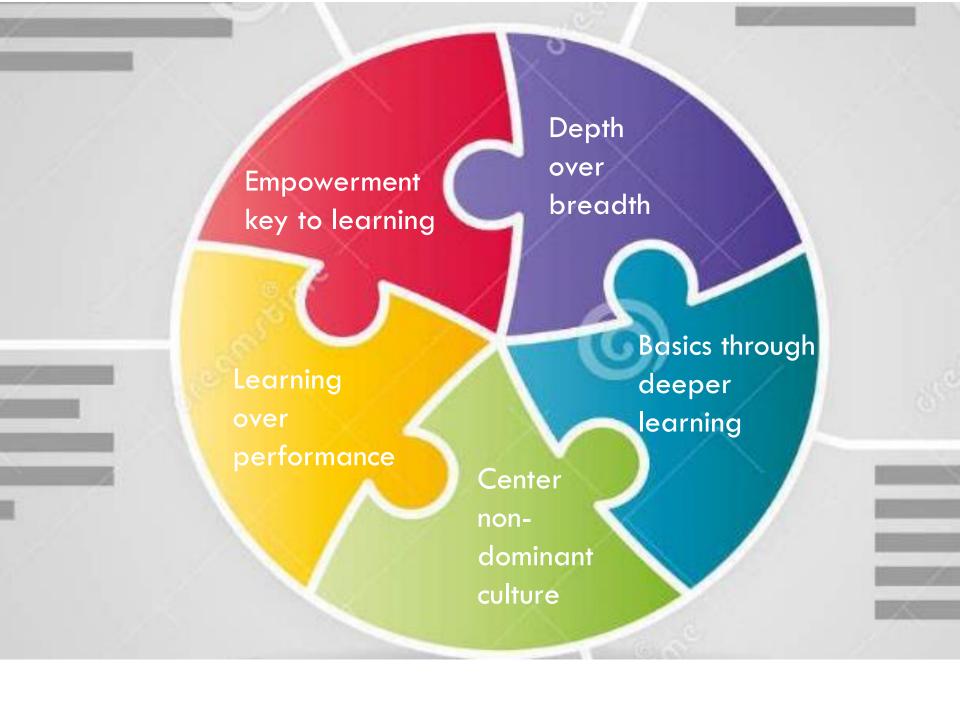




Powerful Learning Experiences Brought Together Mastery, Identity, and Creativity







The "Grammar of Schooling"

- Age graded schooling
- Egg crate classrooms
- Siloed subjects
- Leveling and tracking
- Performance over learning





A New Grammar of Schooling

- Change the Purpose: Student purpose, agency, choice, and voice
- Change the Relationships: Every student seen, known, and heard
- Change the Curriculum: Marie Kondo the Curriculum
- Change the Time & Schedule: 3 blocks, 60-75 student teacher load
- Change the Assessments: Performance assessments
- Change the Boundaries: Permeable boundaries between subjects and school and world
- Change the Power: Center non-dominant knowledge for everyone