

Hooking the Millennials



The “e”
approach
to
Language
Arts

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Who are these "millenials and 9/11s"?

- Born in the last two decades
- Sometimes called the “Net Generation”
- Have never known life without computers
- Have high expectations for the way in which information is delivered

Cell Phones

Text Messaging

Satellite TV

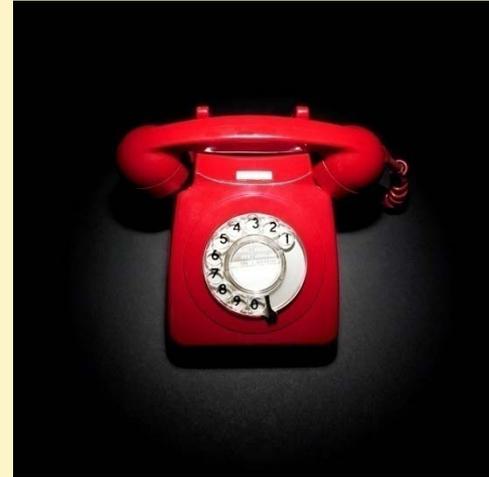
Digital Music

Internet

Portable Tech



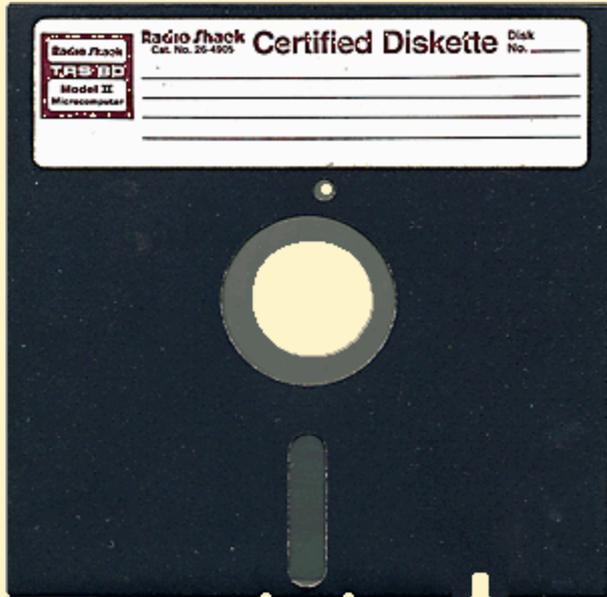
Name These Items:



Now, name THESE Items



Storage Units



100,000 byte
8" Floppy Disk



100 kb
5.5" Floppy Disk



1.4 mb
3.5" Floppy Disk



Storage Units...The Next Generation



700 MB CD



850 MB mini CD



Storage Units...Now



2 GB Flash Disk



1 TB External Hard Drive

Over 500,000 of these \longrightarrow one of these!



How many of you have taught this:

Sonnet 18

- Shall I compare thee to a summer's day? Thou art more lovely and more temperate: Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May, And summer's lease hath all too short a date...

-William Shakespeare



However, can you read this?

- ?4u *I have a question for you.*
- 1dr if u no abt rotfcopters or the bsod
- PLMK f u know *I wonder if you know about rotfcopters or the blue screen of death.
Please let me know if you know.*
- Id h82bu f u dk *I'd hate to be you if you don't know.*
- cya!8r *See you later!*

ROFLMBO



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- Coke and Pepsi have always used recycled plastic bottles.
- Shampoo and conditioner have always been available in the same bottle.
- Gas stations have never fixed flats, but most serve cappuccino; and they've never heard a gas station attendant ask "Want me to check under the hood?" (Attendant? What's an attendant?)



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- Electronic filing of tax returns has always been an option.
- Clarence Thomas has always sat on the Supreme Court.
- Schools have always been concerned about multiculturalism.
- McDonald's and Burger King have always used vegetable oil for cooking french fries.



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- The Tonight Show, until fairly recently, has always been hosted by Jay Leno and started at 11:35 EST.
- Many have never used a payphone or made a collect call.
- Caller ID has always been available on phones.
- WHAT Berlin wall?



How do the Digital Immigrants reach the Digital Natives

- Accept that we live in their world...not vice versa!
- Embrace the technologies that they value, while holding fast to research-based effective teaching practices.
- Be prepared to give a rationale as to why you are teaching something...even if it is simply because it will be built upon later.



Ok, I know
they're the
"Digital
Natives" ...
(...so, what do I DO
with them?)

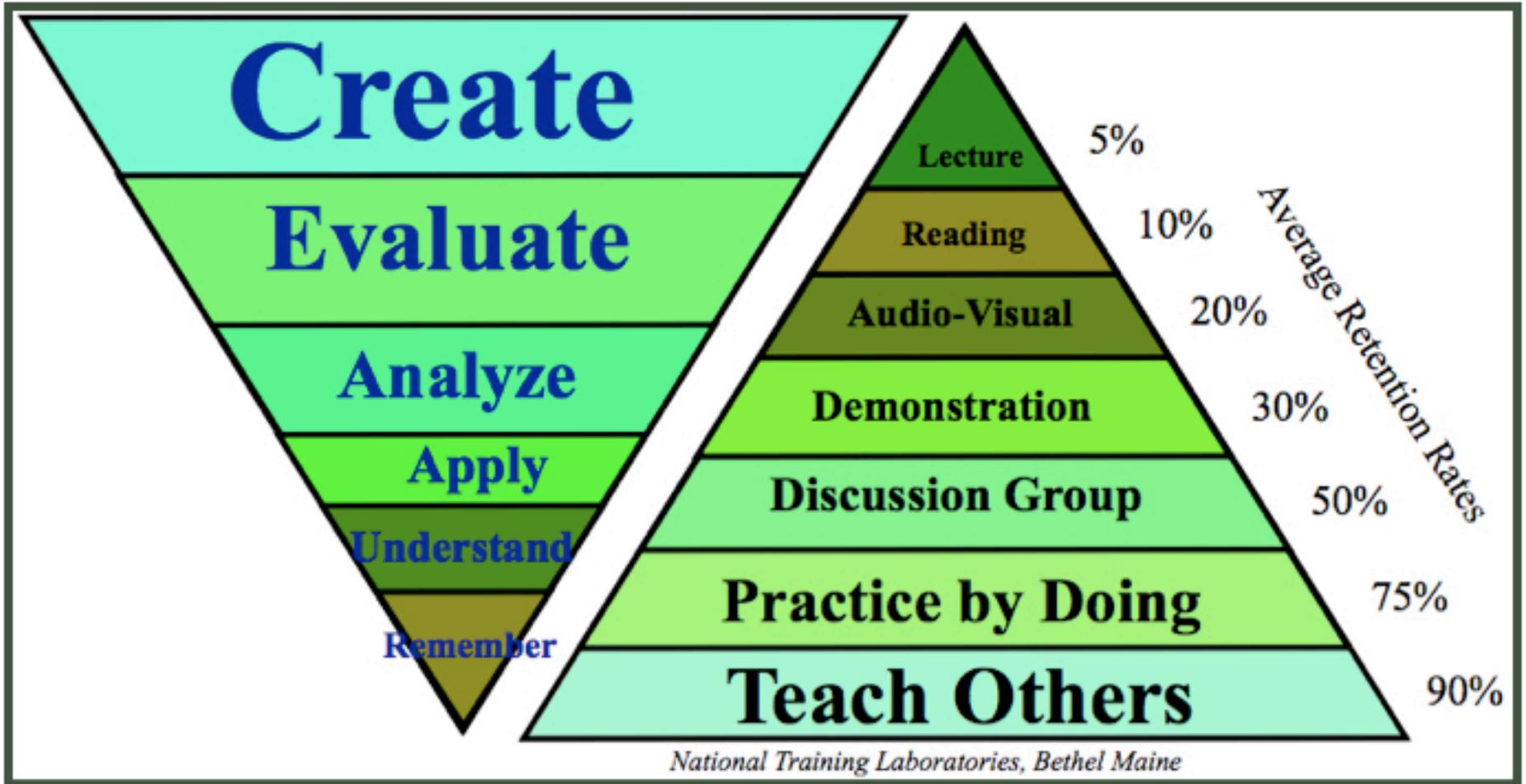


The 3 E's

- Entertain them
 - Encourage your educators to utilize learning games as a way to introduce media and to create opportunities for online learning.
- Engage them
 - Give them opportunities to interact with software that is easy to utilize and is readily present in most districts.
- Ensnare them
 - Create opportunities for learning in your classrooms that will hook them and keep them coming back for more.



Bloom's "Techs-onomy"



Nebraska Language Arts Standards

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The NE LA Standards

"gone digital" ...

- Instructional Supports Including
 - Sample Lessons/Ideas
 - All-inclusive + glossary hyperlinked to standards and instructional supports



But that's the way I've always taught!



“Old School”

- Copy the definitions from the glossary and then use them in a sentence.
- Read the book and write a book report.



“New Tool”

- Create an entry on our class [wiki](#) with your group to define, in your own words, the following vocabulary terms. Then move to the next computer and add to the next group's wiki.
- Create a [podcast](#) to upload to our [ning](#). Then listen to 4 other podcasts and critique them using the **interactive form** provided.



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“Old School”

- Write a position paper on the topic of animal rights.
- Work with your neighbor to create a presentation on the theme of change as presented by our novel. You must have a large poster and a typed report.



“New Tool”

- Research animal rights and create [blog](#) postings that detail your findings as well as your feelings as you research.
- Work with your **e-pal** using [Google Docs](#) and [ooVoo](#) to create a presentation on a theme from our novel study that ties to a present day dilemma or event. You may choose the final format (with my final approval).



But, What If The Technology Fails?

IT WILL! Count on it!

-Actively consider what you would do if the power went out and your technology was unavailable. This will help you consider if your lesson is *tech-driven*, or *curriculum-driven*

-Be prepared to do the lesson in a slightly different format with a promise (that you WILL keep) to incorporate the technology when the gremlins are gone.



How many of you feel you've received (or issued) this unwritten memo:



Dear Teachers,

*We trust you with
the children, but not
with the internet.*

Sincerely,

The Administration



Potential Reasons For a Digital Lock-Down

- Security
- Bandwidth
- Malware/Adware
- Productivity



Where there's a will...

- Approach your IT specialists with a request for *advice*.
- Bring a few samples of what you've seen done in other places, and ask them what tools may already exist in the district that will help you accomplish your goals.
- Don't be tied to a particular product or brand name.
- Don't be discouraged if you get an immediate "no" from your IT professionals, as sometimes they will find a way to make it happen for you.
- Chocolate (and a thank you) goes a long way.



Resources

- Wikispaces - <http://www.wikispaces.com/>
- Mrs. Ibrahims' Wiki-
<http://mrsibrahim.wikispaces.com/>
- Podcasting – GCast
<http://www.gcast.com/?nr=1&&s=161376364>
- Ning - <http://www.ning.com/>
- Blog – Pine Point School -
<http://8englishpps10.blogspot.com/>
- Blogmeister- <http://classblogmeister.com/index.php>
- Videoconferencing – ooVoo – <http://oovoo.com>
- <http://exploringtech.files.wordpress.com/2010/01/free-applications-version-6.pdf>



For more information, resources, and a copy of this PowerPoint:

- Please visit the Nebraska Department of Education Website:
 - <http://www.education.ne.gov/>
 - And stop by the Language Arts Page <http://www.education.ne.gov/read/>
 - We also offer a full-day workshop on technology integration.



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