Making Connections:
Teaching Tips to Make Classes Relevant and Interesting

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Agenda

- Introduction
- Teaching Tips
- Questions
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Research Interests
- Information Technology
- Philosophy of Technology
- Web Design & Programming
- Computer Ethics
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Teaching Tips
• Limited number - 4
• Short and Concise
• Illustrated with Examples
• Derived from Experience

Caveats
• Anecdotal Evidence
• Context Specific
• Require Adaptation
1. Be Organized and Explicit
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2. Embrace the Popular

- Disturbing Pleasures
  - Henry A. Giroux

- The Closing of the American Mind
  - Allan Bloom
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Science Fiction
Teaching Tips

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Mashups
Teaching Tips

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Mark Vidler – GHP
Velvet Underground & Christina Aguilera
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• Postmodernism
• Intellectual Property
• Digital Culture
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3. Keep it Real

• Service Learning
• Computer Simulation
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**Exchange Rate**
1 Platinum Piece = $ 0.01072; better exchange rate than the Yen or Lira

**Gross National Product**
$135 million or $2,266 per capita
EverQuest is 77th richest country in the world

**Hourly Wage**
Average avatar makes 319 PP per hour or $3.42/hour (assuming an exchange rate of 0.01072 PP per dollar).
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4. Serve it Fresh

 MATRIX
Believe the unbelievable.
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