



Bridging

Follow the guidelines below to implement this method in your classroom



Description of the method

Bridging is a skill inspired by mediated learning developed by Feuerstein (1979). In this method students bridge what they have learned to real life examples of to their own life. These examples can be on a societal or individual level. It is of vital essence to make this connection in education to embed knowledge in meaningful contexts. This skill/method combines really well with the T-ACT impact model that works with fictious and non-fictious examples. The fictious examples can be connected to the real-life examples.

What will you need

Practical organization

Groups: all students / individual / pairs / groups

Duration: 5-10 minutes

Materials: T-ACT impact model, experiences of the students

Implementation in the Classroom

1. **Connect to previous knowledge**, skills and attitudes that students already obtained in lessons or courses.
2. Let students **describe the new content** or matter that is taught.
3. Let students **connect this knowledge to real-life examples and their own life**. The question 'What does this mean for you/for society/for the world?' is central.
4. Let students **present this connection and their examples**. Do this without being obligatory about it because some knowledge, skills or attitudes touch sensitive subjects in CE. This doesn't mean you should avoid topics. However, just be aware of the emotional and existential impact of a subject.

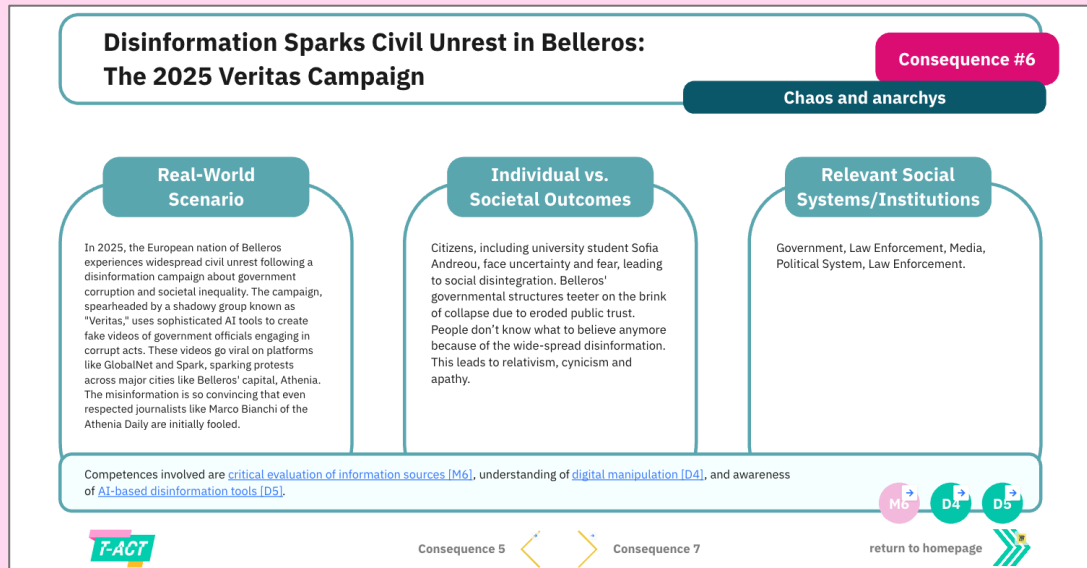
Tips & Tricks

1. **Model** bridging by connecting the content that you teach to your real-life examples as a teacher.
2. **Be aware** of cultural, emotional sensitive subjects.
3. Avoid discussing subjects and topics when a topic or subject has a negative emotional impact. **Address sensitive topics when the climate and time is right**. Strike while the iron is cold.
4. **No preparation needed**. This method can be used instantly in relevant circumstances.



Examples

Fictitious situation impact model + bridge this situation to a real-life example.



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