USING TECHNOLOGY AND FAIRY TALES TO TEACH PERSUASIVE STORYTELLING

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Teaching Strategies For Struggling Students

Use of Technology and Fairy Tales
Who is a "struggling [law] student"?
Struggling Student or "At Risk"

Performance based definition

(i.e. bottom 20% invited to academic support program)

Outcome focused

(See Elizabeth Bloom’s mastery oriented learning v. performance goal orientation)

Teaching exam writing

See Adam Todd, Exam Writing as Legal Writing: Teaching and Critiquing Law School Examination Discourse, 76 TEMPLE L. REV. 69, 71 (2003)
WHY STUDENTS STRUGGLE

Study Habits

Critical Thinking and Reasoning Skills

Life Circumstances

Learning Styles

Teacher Expectation Unawareness

Learning Disabilities

Psychological Impairment and/or Addiction

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF LEGAL WRITING PROFESSORS?

Academic Support Program v. Legal Writing Program

False Negative and False Positive

Koller argues that legal writing can help in advanced legal academic support setting

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ALTHOUGH THE REASONS WHY STUDENTS STRUGGLE MAY NOT ALL BE IN OUR HANDS, GOOD TEACHING STRATEGIES MINIMIZE FACTORS THAT IMPEDE STUDENT SUCCESS.
Raf's 5 R's
Be Relatable

Establish rapport/humanizing environment
(See Lawrence Krieger and Barbara Glesner-Fines)

Let students relate to you and your materials.

Self efficacy (See Elizabeth Bloom)
Be Relevant

How are the skills you teach relevant to the student?

Be processes focused, not outcome focused.
Self regulated learners (See Bloom)
Teach mini skills.
Be Resourceful

Use technology to your advantage.

Foster an environment for creativity.
Be Responsive

Teach to all learning styles (visual and auditory).

Active learning

Give rapid feedback.
Be Reachable

Open door policy.
Accessible and sensitive.
Individualized office meetings.
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