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### Differentiation

is a teacher's proactive response to learner needs



uided by general principles of differentiation

**Building Classroom** Community

**High-Quality** Curriculum

Ongoing Assessment Flexible Grouping & Management

Teaching Up thru Respectful Tasks

#### Teachers can differentiate by adjusting

#### Content

The "stuff" that students grapple with to reach the learning goals

#### **Process**

How students take in and make sense of the content

#### Product

How students show their knowledge, understanding, and skill

#### according to patterns in student

#### Readiness

Where a student is in his or her grasp of learning goals at a certain point in time

#### Interest

Passions, affinities, kinships that motivate **Learning Profile** 

low a student prefers or seems to learn best

using a variety of strategies.

## Planning Backwards = Differentiation's Curriculular Foundation



Curriculum Instruction Assessment SCALE Understanding Language

## Going to the Root...

• Education – Latin Origin:

educe: to bring outeducere: to draw out

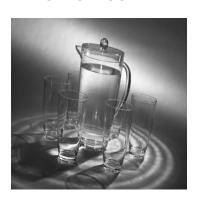


## In other words...

TO "DRAW OUT"...

... NOT TO "POUR IN"





# Planning a Focused Curriculum Means Clarity About...

### • UNDERSTANDINGS

- Principles/ generalizations
- Big ideas of the discipline

Which of the three is most emphasized?

Least?

### **KNOWLEDGE**

- Facts
- Vocabulary
- Definitions

### • SKILLS

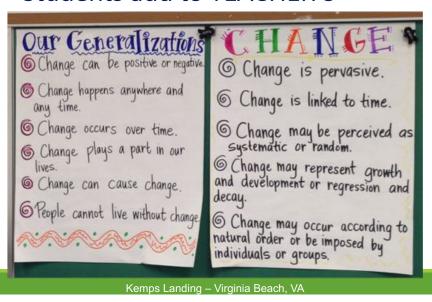
- Higher order
- Skills of Disc.

## Students will Understand THAT...

- •<u>Systems</u> are made of <u>interdependent</u> parts; <u>change</u> to one part affects all the other parts.
- •Conflict can be both constructive and destructive.
- •Language gives us power.
- •Formulas allow us to use known information to <u>discover</u> unknown information.
- •Rhythm organizes the time and energy of <u>sound</u> and silence.
- •The optimal defense <u>depends</u> on the opponent's decision about offense (and vice versa)

Do these have transfer power? Do they invite investigation and debate?

## Students add to TEACHER'S







## **Acquisition Goals**

#### STUDENTS WILL KNOW...

• Facts, names, dates, places, information; also includes procedural knowledge

#### Examples

- Thomas Jefferson important biographical data
- 1492 the year Columbus is reported to have discovered the Americas
- "The Continental Divide" a divide separating river systems that flow to opposite sides of a continent
- The multiplication tables
- The steps of the scientific method

#### STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO ...

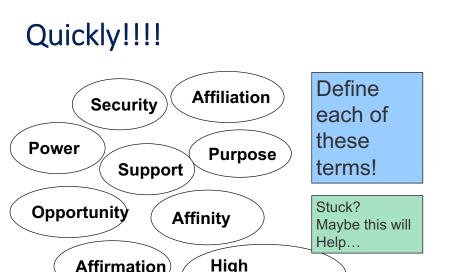
 Skills (basic skills, skills of the discipline, skills of independence, social skills, skills of production)

#### •Examples:

- Analyze text for meaning
- Solve to find perimeter
- Solve 2-digit multiplication problems
- Compare and contrast approaches to problem solving
- Evaluate work according to specified criteria
- Use graphics to represent data appropriately

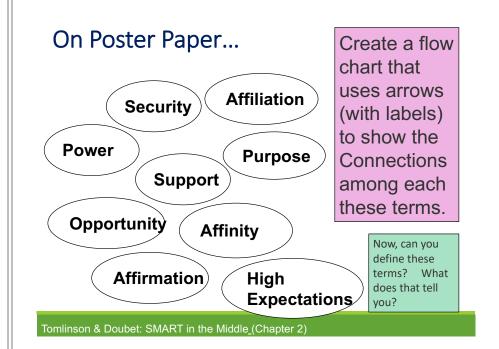
Bloom Levels (2001) DO What? Create Evaluate Evaluate Analyze Analyze Analyze **Apply** Apply Apply **Apply** Understand Understand Understand Understand Understand Remember Remember Remember Remember Remember Remember

Tomlinson '03



**Expectations** 

Tomlinson & Doubet: SMART in the Middle (Chapter 2)



## In Your "Design" Groups



## Examine the Protocol/Unit

- ✓ Examine the protocol, "UBD Design Standards 2.0"
- √ What looks familiar? What looks new? Consult p47
- ✓ Examine the "SAMPLE UNIT" on the website to get a feel for it's scope and sequence
- ✓ Use the protocol or checklist to examine the SAMPLE UNIT. Make sure you can point to evidence from the unit to support your assertions.
- ✓ Pay particular attention to the portion of the unit that corresponds to your "Design" area of focus.
  - ✓ Be prepared to share those ideas with the full group.

Unit Plan					
Stage 1	3	2	1	Feedback and Guidance	
Specifies the desired long-term transfer goals that involve genuine accomplishment.					
Identifies important, transferable ideas worth exploring and understanding.					
3. Identifies understandings stated as full-sentence generaliza- tions: Students will understand that					
<ol> <li>Is framed by a few open-ended, thought-provoking, and focusing essential questions.</li> </ol>					
<ol><li>Identifies relevant standards, mission, or program goals, to be addressed in all three stages.</li></ol>					
<ol> <li>Identifies knowledge and skill needed to achieve understand- ing and address the established goals.</li> </ol>					
Aligns all the elements so that Stage 1 is focused and coherent.					

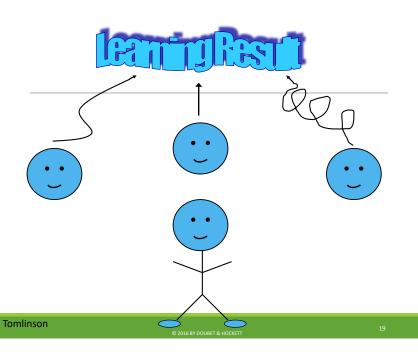
## Now Move into Content Groups

- ➤ Use the same protocol to evaluate the unit that most closely matches your content area (
- ➤ Team 1 3 Social Studies Teachers
- ➤ Team 2 Physical Education and Science
- ➤ Team 3 Math (Science/Math person you are in this group)
- ➤ Teams 4-6 ESL/ELA (3 in each team)
- As you evaluate your unit with the other members of your content area group, make notes about anything you see in this content unit that sheds light on the "Problem of Practice" your other group is grappling with
- Move back to your "Problems of Practice" groups and debrief. What did you learn?
- Now turn your attention to your own unit. What ideas do you have for upgrading your own design quality?

## Before you Leave

- Reflect on how your understanding has evolved during today's session.
- ➤On the handout, make specific notes about where you are in regard to Stage 1.
- This will be your "exit ticket" for today.





UPGRADING
UNIT DESIGN
ALA UBD
PART 2

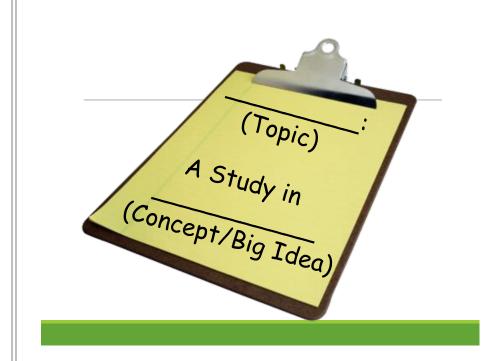


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## Concepts, Understandings & EQs





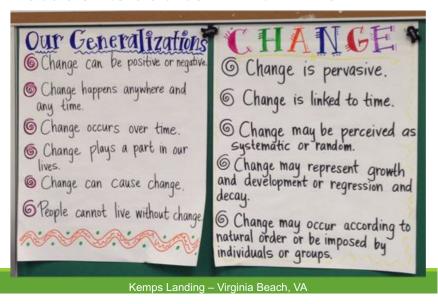
PROGRESS	PERSPECTIVE	CONNECTIONS	STRUCTURE & FUNCTION
PATTERNS	RELATIONSHIPS	EFFICIENCY	SYSTEM
SURVIVAL	COMMUNITY	CYCLES	CONFLICT
INTERDEPEN- DENCE	PERSUASION	NEEDS & WANTS	CHANGE
VOICE	POWER	BALANCE	IDENTITY

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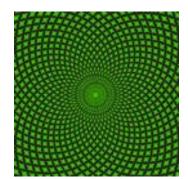
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## Addressing Patterns

- How many Us/Eqs do I need? How many is too many? Can I address more than one at once
- Balance between topical and overarching Us/EQs



## **Content-Specific Questions**

- ➤ Go to the Padlet linked on my website.
- EVERYONE complete Task 1. This asks you to visit a website and examine full UBD units from the Massachsetts DOE. Examine units close to your grade level SPECIFICALLY to find 1) answers to the the questions posed on the previous slide and 2) answers to your individual questions.
- ➤ If you finish early, move to Task 2 (review) or Task 3 (creating your own) whatever you feel most ready to tackle.

## High Expectations...

### Students will UNDERSTAND THAT...

- Metaphors and similes allow us to <u>communicate</u> meaning in ways that normal language cannot.
- $^{\circ}$  Metaphors and similes  $\underline{communicate}$  ideas by making sensory connections.

### Students will KNOW...

 Definitions of metaphor, simile, figurative language, imagery, stanza, couplet, free verse

### Students will BE ABLE TO ...

- Use metaphors and similes to convey descriptions
- Write in a given stanza format

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Г	EXIT CARD (previous class)					
N	ame: Period:					
1.	What is a "metaphor"?					
2.	Give at least two examples.					
3.	Explain why song-writers and poets use metaphors.					

### Warm-up Journal Prompt:

Describe yourself in such a way that someone who had never met you would feel as though they know you well.

#### "ME" Metaphor Poem

1.Comb your journal entry and circle the descriptions of yourself that you believe are the most important.

- 2. Choose something to compare yourself to that captures all of these aspects of your personality. It can be something abstract, something in nature, a machine of sorts, a song, a force, a color—the only thing it CAN'T be is another person.
- 3. Write a poem comparing yourself to what you chose in step 2 without using "like or ""as". Strive for at least 4 stanzas (line lengths in stanzas can vary). Let us see the real you.

#### "ME" Metaphor Poem

1.Comb your journal entry and circle the descriptions of yourself that you believe are the most important.

- 2. Now think of things that are like each of those aspects of your personality. These things can be abstract, from nature, electronics, colors, etc. —the only thing they CAN'T be are people.
- 3. Write a poem made up of couplets one couplet comparing yourself to each thing you chose in step 2 – without using "like or "as". Strive for at least 6 comparisons. Let us see the real you.

I am a powder keg My anger builds until someone makes it explode. I am an eraser -Eliminating all the bad thoughts from my mind. I am a puppy -Loyal and friendly to those I love I am an ant -Everyone looks down on me. I am nothing -No one can see me. But I am something -Brilliant and intelligent. Who am I? Powder keg, eraser, puppy, ant, nothing, and something. I am Me. ~April ~ th Grade

I am Love -I am cherished. I am looked for often, But seldom found... I am Love sometimes sweet,

But always with the potential To bite you in the back...

I am Love -Oh-so-precious. But you'd better believe you can see The ugly side of me...

I am Love -A big heart full of joy, A calm, quiet day with a big storm brewing, A bird soaring higher and higher Into that dangerous sky.

> ~Jasmine~ 7th Grade

Equally Respectful?

Can you discern the learning goals?

### From Standards to UKDs – An Example

**Reading**, **RL.4.6**: Compare and contrast the treatment of similar themes and topics (e.g., opposition of good and evil) and patterns of events (e.g., the quest) in stories, myths, and traditional literature from different cultures.

Students will Understand THAT...What a <u>culture values</u> is <u>revealed</u> through its literature; some <u>values</u> are universal while others are determined by <u>culture</u>.

Students will Know... Definitions of/difference between "theme" and "topic", characteristics of a "quest", distinguishing characteristics of "myth"

Students will be able to... **Compare and contrast** literature from different cultures in terms of subject matter and theme;

**Analyze** cross-cultural literature for common values emerging from what's "taught" and what's "celebrated"; **formulate** an argument for the source of similarities and differences of values among cultures

### Translating Standards into Learning Goals

HS English: CCSS ELA RL 9-10.2 Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details and 9-10.3: Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text

### If students have mastered these standards...

- 1. What question(s) should they be able to answer?
- 2. What "answers" might they have to those questions?
- 3. What else would they understand (about character, about plot and theme)? *They would understand that...*
- 4. What terms would they be able to define? (Give grade-level appropriate definitions, if possible.) What other knowledge would they have?
- 5. What other skills (besides the one listed in the standard) would they have or need?

### Translating Standards into Learning Goals

### HS English Informative/Explanatory Writing: CCSS W.9-10.2B:

Develop the topic with well-chosen, relevant, and sufficient facts, extended definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples appropriate to the audience's knowledge of the topic

#### If students have mastered this standard...

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### [The Alchemist], a study in Perspective and Motive

#### **Essential Questions Understanding Goals:** ·How and why does a •A character's **perspective** changes over the character's **perspective** change? course of a story in response to **conflict** (with self, What drives a character's with other characters). actions and decisions? •A character's actions and decisions are driven by his/her goals and motives. •A character's motives are often complex and multi-faceted. **Knowledge Goals** Skill Goal (aligned with CCSS ELA RL 9-10 2B;3 & W.9-10.2B) Concepts/Terms: perspective, •Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with motive, dynamic/static multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over characters, metaphor, the course of a text •Determine a theme or central idea of a text and foreshadowing, symbolism, analyze in detail its development over the course of the conflict, theme Characters, setting, •Examine the effect of different perspectives (of events plot/events, themes of The and people) on story line Alchemist •Use textual evidence to support an opinion •Use details, quotations, and illustrations to characterize author's craft

### **Translating Standards into Learning Goals**

<u>Pre-Algebra FT 4 - 6.SP.A.3</u>: Recognize that a measure of center for a numerical data set summarizes all of its values with a single number...

### If students have mastered this standard...

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### Mean, Median, and Mode, a study in Central Tendency

#### **Essential Questions**

- "Where" is the middle of a data set? How do mathematicians find it? Describe it?
- What is the "best" measure of central tendency?

Aligned with Pre-Algebra FT 4 – 6.SP.A.3

### **Understanding Goals:**

- All numerical data sets have a "middle" (central tendency) that can be discovered and described in more than one way.
- Each measure of the "middle-ness" (central tendency) reveals something different about the set.
- The "best" measure of central tendency depends on the kind of data being used and the purpose for which it's being used.

#### **Knowledge Goals**

 Definitions and examples of key concepts: central tendency, average, mean, median, mode, skew

#### Skill Goals

- Calculating mean, median, and mode.
- Analyzing and applying the differences between mean, median, and mode.
- Determining when and how to use mean, median, and mode.

## Math

- •Exit Card: Students were given 3 word problems and asked to set up and solve each
- <u>Pattern</u>: Students either "Got it" (set up and and solved all 3 correctly) or "Made Errors" (in either set up or in solving; not all the same errors)
- •<u>Task 1</u>: You solved all of these equations correctly. Now make up three equations for others to solve: one that's harder than those you just solved, one that's at about the same level, and one that's easier.
- •<u>Task 2</u>: [This #] of the equations that you solved are incorrect. Find the incorrect solutions and fix them.

## **Tiered English Tasks**

#### FOR EVERYONE:

REVIEW OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ARGUMENT AND PERSUASION

For those who were able to distinguish between ethos, pathos, and logos in a text:

Watch a video and examine it for ethos, pathos, and logos. How do those elements reveal and contribute to author's purpose?

For those who were NOT able to distinguish between ethos, pathos, and logos in a text:

Examine print ads for their use of ethos, pathos, and logos. What impact do those elements have on the "reader"?

\*Adapted from Wiliam (2011). Embedded Formative Assessment

## **Interest Inquiry Groups**

### **Interest Groups**

- Students choose from the following ad options:
  - Sports Drinks
  - Hair Products
  - Game Systems
  - Phones
- In pairs or groups of 3 with others who chose same option, students analyze the ads for techniques used, strengths and weaknesses, and recommendations for improvement.

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## Interest Inquiry Groups – Soc St.

- Students choose from the following "systems":
  - Writing a Song
  - Strength Training
  - Planning/taking a trip
  - Playing a Video Game

Interests.: Music (writing/producing) Working Out Traveling

Video/Board Games

 In pairs or groups of 3 with others who chose same option, students discuss how steps of this system resemble the steps of creating legistlation.

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## Science

#### Science

After an introduction to cells, choose an organelle to study.

Examine Khan Academy videos on your organelle and make a "dating profile" listing what your organelle has to offer the cell and what it will need from the cell in return.

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## **Social Studies**

#### Social Studies

Your job is to use accurate information to provide a clear, reasoned, and supported opinion about whether we should retain the Electoral College. You may share your argument through one of the following products:

- Lawyer's opening remarks (defending or critiquing the system to an uninformed jury).
- Analogy—written or visual—that illustrates the process and your stance on the process.
- Speech to the public explaining the system and persuading them to adopt your viewpoint.

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## Transfer of Learning is:

What one does to express deep levels of understanding across a variety of settings. For example...

- ...can students apply a problem solving strategy to a unique situation?
- ...can students write for an intended audience, regardless of the audience?
- ...can students design experiments to test a variety of hypotheses?
- ...can students evaluate the credibility of a secondary source across different time periods?

We can't transfer if we are only "familiar" with content.



# Choose Task

HTTPS://PADLET.COM /DOUBETKJ/UBD

### **Entry Points: Powerful Words**

#### Storytelling

- about a time when words had the power to change a situation, someone's mind, etc. Include details about the circumstances and how the change resulted.

#### **Activating Senses**

Think about two kinds of debates: One in which the participants use respectful language to make their points in which they use disrespectful language. Generate speech bubble "sounds bites" from each one.

#### **Giving Reasons**

Tell a story – real or fictional | Construct a simple but powerful argument that supports or refutes this claim: "Words have the power to change minds, attitudes, and behaviors."

Collaborative

Work together to write

and act out a situation

between using words

powerfully and using

that shows the difference

them ineffectively. 🞥 🔏

### Thinking Big

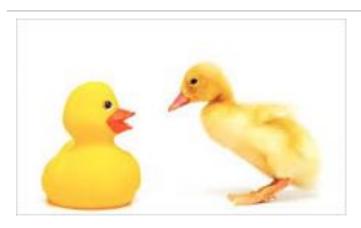
What is a "word"? What makes a word more powerful? Less powerful? Can words ever be too powerful?

#### **Using Experience**

Drawing on your own experiences, generate a short list of tips called "How to use words powerfully to bring about change."



## **Ensuring Authenticity**



## What do you Think?

✓ Evaluate this task.
What did teachers do
with their students to
get them ready to be
successful on this?

✓ Imagine what how the task's creator's achieved this? Where did they start?



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KZomm-1BbYQ

### **Brainstorm**

What are some authentic (real world) roles related to your content area(s) that experts might assume?



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### What Would an Expert Do? Some Possible Roles

<u>Math</u>: Mathematician, Architect, CSM, Engineer, Statistician, Accountant, Actuary, Financial Advisor, Astronaut, stockbroker, programmer, air-traffic controller, A.E.D., cook, mechanic, building contractor

<u>Science</u>: Biologist, Botanist, Chemist, Environmental, genetic counselor, zoo keeper, doctor, paleontologist, forensic scientist, construction site manager, mechanic, engineer

<u>Social Studies</u>: Archaeologist, Anthropologist, Historian, Museum Curator, Film Consultant, politician, lawyer, psychologist, geographer, cartographer, international relations consultant/diplomat, tour guide, fact-checker, author, economist

<u>English</u>: Author, Editor, Publisher, lawyer, advertising, politician, book critic, movie critic, technical writer, public relations, journalist

Spanish: English fields + Tour Guide, Interpreter, Ambassador

P.E.: Coach, Referee, Commentator, Columnist

Exploratory: Graphic Designer, Musician, Music/Art Critic, Admin. Asst., Engineer

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## Designing Performance Task Scenarios

**G** ◆What is the **g**oal in the scenario?

**R** ◆ What is your **\( \colon \)** ole?

**A** ◆ Who is the **a**udience?

**S** ◆ What is your **S**ituation (context)?

▶ What Products/Performances will you prepare?

◆ By what **S**tandards (criteria) will your work be judged?

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## MS Science Example

- The goal is to determine the best solution for evaluating water quality and usability for recreational purposes in your city.
- Role: You are the director of the water authority
- Audience are members of the city council who must make final decisions on usability based on your recommendations.
- Situation: You must plan and assess the water quality from at least 5 different fresh water locations in your city, conduct experiments, and write a report for non-scientists on your findings and recommendations.
- Products or Performances: Identified experiments, tests, and results from 5 water samples. Written or oral report with visuals and recommendations to explain the conditions and analysis of each water site.

## **HS ELA Example**

**Goal** – Use pathos, ethos, and logos, including "textual" support or evidence, to convince an audience

Role – You are a Movie Critic

Audience – Readers of your Weekly Column

**Situation** – A new movie [or an old favorite] will be playing nationwide this weekend. You job is to convince audiences to see it (or NOT to see it if you think it has been overrated). In order to appeal to every reader, you will employ pathos, ethos, and logos in your review, along with appropriate evidence from the film (that which will paint a clear picture without "giving away" the movie's end).

**Product** – Online blog post containing your movie review and encouraging your followers whether or not they should see it

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## Time to Process

✓ Develop your own performance assessment (GRASPs). Be sure to start with your learning goals in mind!

Use your GRASPS Template

✓ Review the Complex Performance tasks (GRASPS) on the slides that follow in the **ppt**, in the **VSUP Task Bank**, and/or at the following site:



✓ Identify any tasks you could use as-is or tweak a bit to meet the learning goals you identified earlier in the session



## **Ensuring Accessibility**



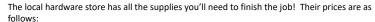
## Math Example

The Smith family wants to re-landscape their backyard. They have come to you, a landscape designer, to find out what you will charge for such an undertaking. They have some specific guidelines for what they want the backyard to contain:

- •At least 1 rectangular garden
- •At least 1 triangular garden
- •At least 1 trapezoidal garden
- •At least one parallelogram shaped garden
- •A cylindrical pond
- •A rectangular prism shaped shed

#### Additionally, they ask that you:

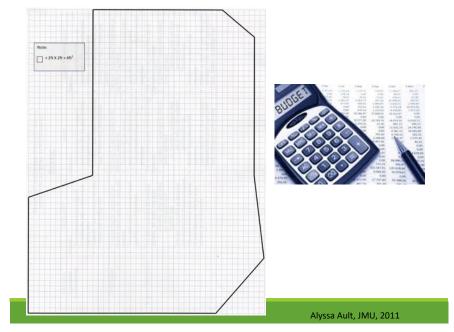
- Mulch all gardens
- ·Fence in all gardens
- ·Line and fill the pond
- Paint the shed



- •Mulch: \$3.50 per 2ft<sup>2</sup>
- •Fencing: \$2.00 per ft
- •Pond Liner: \$103.00 per 2ft2
- •Outdoor Paint: \$9.50 per gallon (A gallon will cover about 100ft2)
- •Note: Water, of course, is free but you will need to inform the Smith's of the volume of the pond you build so that they may buy the correct sized pump.

Alyssa Ault, JMU, 2011





## How can we Differentiate this Performance Assessment?

- Interest/Culture Don't make everyone plan a backyard; create and give some options of what to plan but maintain same requirements for shapes, etc.
- Readiness
  - Change scale or shape of map
  - Additional requirements for proportion (challenge)
  - Additional guidance for size (support)
  - Asks students to propose the most economic or sustainable option (challenge)
  - Scaffold the process Give some students a process log to <u>plan</u> and record progress; give others a process log that guides their process (while calling for all students to reflect/revise);