EXPLORING THE POWER OF A GROWTH

MINDSET

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RESEARCH

YOU'RE REALLY SMART

YOU WORK HARD

70% CHOSE THE EASIER TEST

UP TO 90% CHOSE THE HARDER TEST

FRUSTRATED

GAVE UP

DID NOT TAKE THE WORK HOME

WORKED FOR LONGER & ENJOYED CHALLENGE TOOK THE WORK HOME

MARKS DROPPED

MARKS INCREASED

AS SOON AS STUDENTS BECOME ABLE TO EVALUATE THEMSELVES, SOME OF THEM BECOME AFRAID OF CHALLENGE

IT'S BREATHTAKING HOW MANY
PEOPLE REJECT THE OPPORTUNITY
TO LEARN

IT'S AS THOUGH THEY BECOME AFRAID NOT BEING SMART



CAROL DWECK

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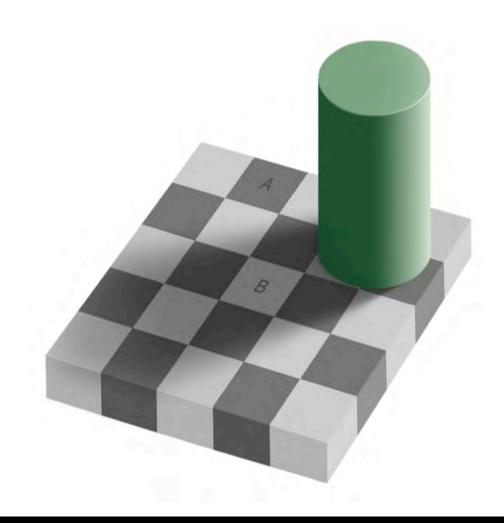
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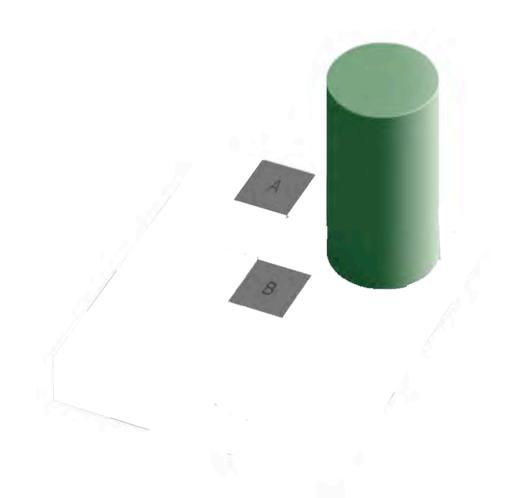
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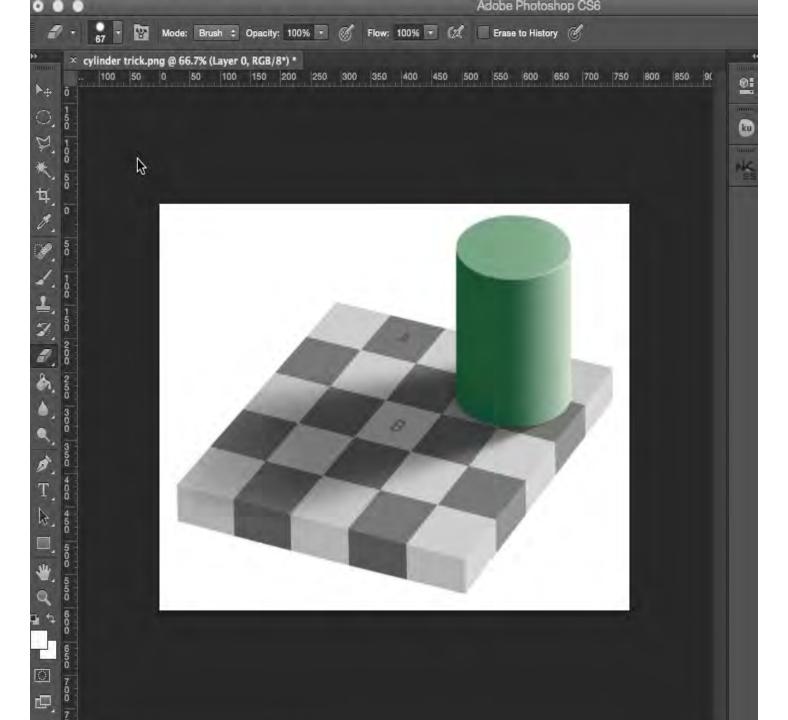
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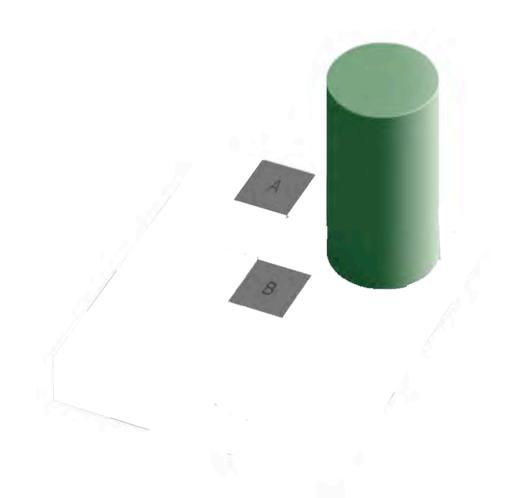


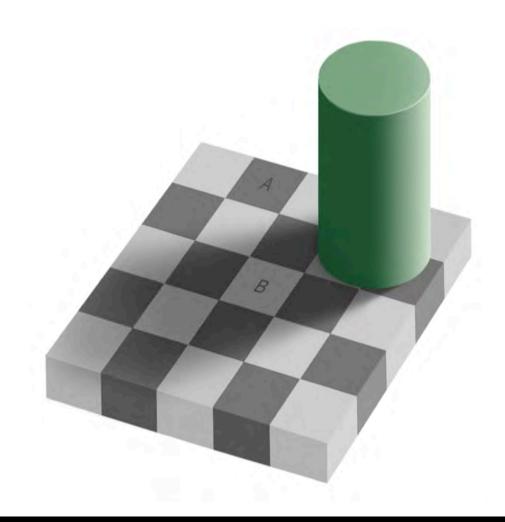












PRAISE

"YOU'RE A NATURAL!"

"IF I NEED TO STUDY THEN MAYBE I'M NOT THAT SMART."

"THAT'S GREAT! YOU DIDN'T MAKE ANY MISTAKES!"
"MISTAKES ARE BAD."

"WOW YOU LEARNED THAT FAST! YOU'RE SO SMART!"

"IF I DON'T LEARN QUICKLY, I'M NOT SMART."

BE SPECIFIC

I LOVE YOUR USE OF PERSPECTIVE



YOU MUST HAVE WORKED HARD TO GET SO MANY RIGHT

FIXED MINDSET

TENDS TO:

AVOID CHALLENGE

GIVE UP EASILY

DISLIKE THE NEED FOR EFFORT

IGNORE USEFUL FEEDBACK/CRITIQUE

FEEL THREATENED BY THE SUCCESS OF OTHERS





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GROWTH MINDSET

TENDS TO:

SEEK OUT & EMBRACE CHALLENGE

PERSIST IN THE FACE OF SETBACKS

REVELS IN THE STRUGGLE

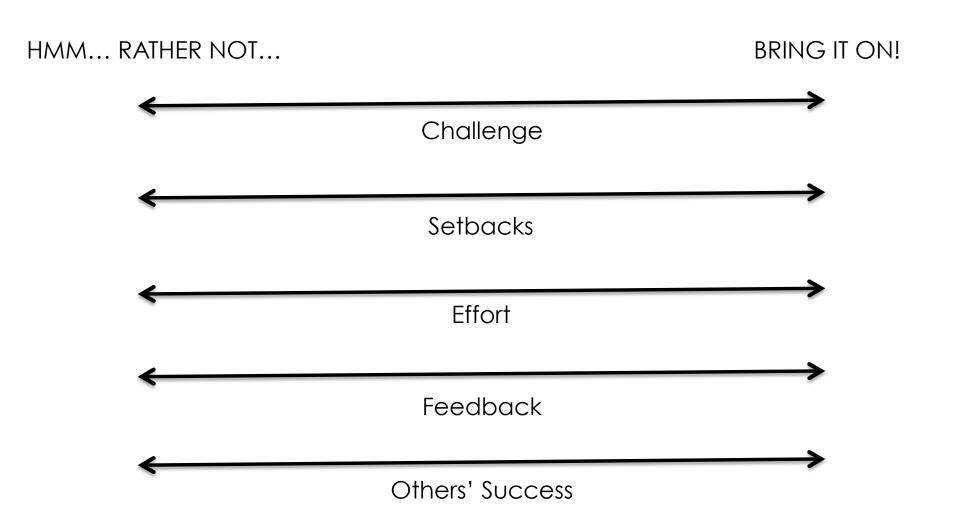
LEARNS FROM FEEDBACK & CRITIQUE

IS INSPIRED BY THE SUCCESS OF OTHERS



WHAT ABOUT YOU?

WHAT ABOUT YOU?



MEET JOHN

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LOST AN EYE

80 CIGARETTES A DAY

HEAVY DRINKER

SEVERE HEART ATTACK



MEET JOHN

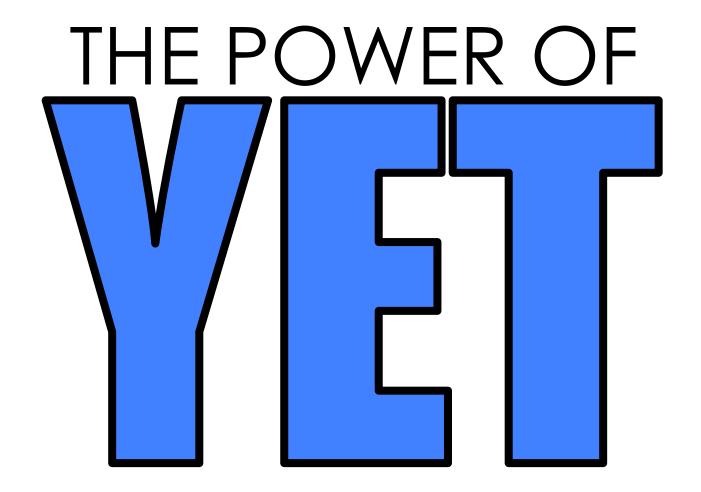
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403 MARATHONS

RAN THE LENGTH OF THE BERLIN WALL (156KMS)

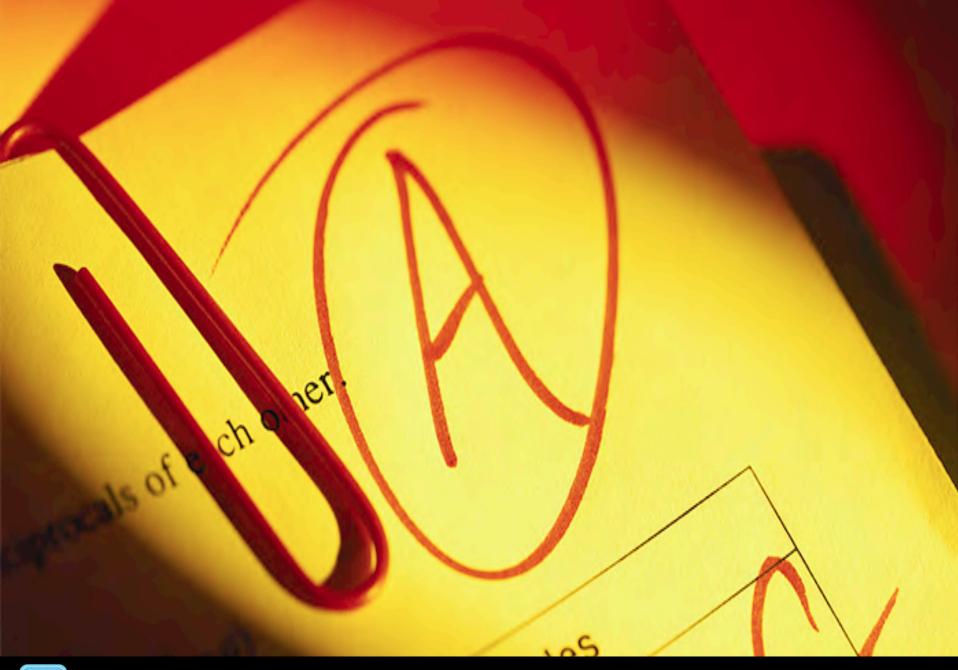
OLDEST PERSON TO RUN
10 MARATHONS IN 10 DAYS







WHAT DID YOU LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF AT



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IF YOU WRITE CAREFUL DIAGNOSTIC COMMENTS ON A STUDENT'S PIECE OF WORK

AND THEN ATTACH A GRADE...

YOU ARE WASTING YOUR TIME

- DYLAN WILIAM

HOW MANY POTENTIAL ISSUES CAN YOU SPOT IN JUST ONE SENTENCE?

In one instance, parents demanded marks be altered when two students received different sets of marks after they both allegedly plagiarised an essay wholly written by the same tutor.



MORE USEFUL FEEDBACK

3 WAYS TO IMPROVE

YOU CAN'T DO THIS YET

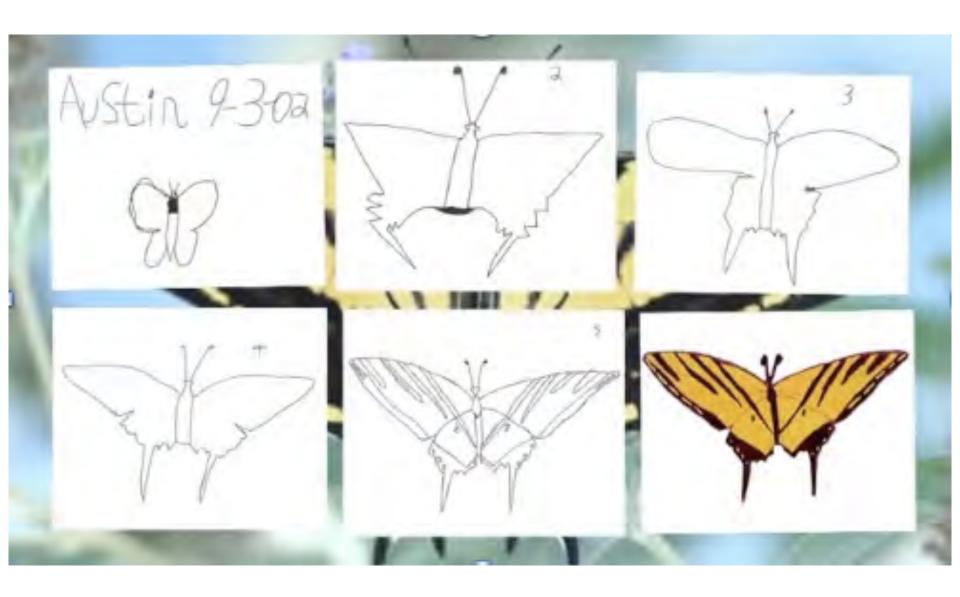
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE STOPPED PUTTING GRADES ON KIDS' WORK?



A CULTURE OF MORE USEFUL FEEDBACK







ACTIVITY

TASK (12mins)

LEARNERS: You will have 12 minutes to design & make two different designs for paper airplanes that can fly at least 5 metres carrying at least five 5 cent coins.

DOCUMENTERS: Please observe with the following question in mind: What do you notice about the individuals' and group's process of building knowledge and what can you point to that makes you say that?

Watch for interesting and important moments or shifts in the ways ideas are being developed. Afterward, describe and interpret how those moments advanced the knowledge building of the group.

Document your observations individually.

You can document in any way you wish – jot down bits of conversation, take pictures with your mobile phone, write short descriptive notes, or draw pictures or diagrams – but you must document in some way!

DE-BRIEF (10mins)

Documenters: Share with the learners selected observations and documentation about the individuals' and group's process of building knowledge. Try to identify interesting or important moments or shifts in the ways ideas were being developed and offer an interpretation of how they advanced the learning process.

Learners: Share your responses to the documenters' observations and interpretations as well as your own reflections regarding interesting or important moments or shifts in the learning process and what you learned about aerodynamics.

As a small group: Choose one thing you learned about the principles of aerodynamics and one thing you learned about individual and group learning or the process of documentation to share with the whole group. Feel free to walk around and look at the designs of other groups.

MORE CHAT...

Small groups each report one thing they learned about aerodynamics and one thing they learned about individual and group learning or the process of documentation.

(From Mara Krechevsky, Ben Mardell, Melissa Rivard, Daniel Wilson. (2013). Visible Learners: Promoting Reggio-inspired approaches in all schools. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass)

DEVELOPING A CULTURE

EXPLORE THIS IN YOUR OWN CONTEXT
INFORMAL EVERYDAY INTERACTIONS
TEACHING | ASSESSMENT | FEEDBACK
COMMUNITY DIALOGUE
SYSTEMIC SHIFTS

ASSUMING EVERY MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY IS A LEARNER...



QUESTIONS | COMMENTS | CHALLENGES

TALK MORE



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