Empowering learners through developing intercultural communication capability

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What does “empower students” mean?

“Find Out What Your Students Are Passionate About and Use Those Things to Inspire Their Learning” (Travis Rink, 2016)

• https://blog.mimio.com/10-ways-to-empower-your-students-in-the-classroom
What do your students need?

Interests

Goals

Confidence

Struggles
Opening letter
Student survey
Truth statement
Think aloud
L2 Motivational Self System

• Ideal L2 self
• Ought-to L2 self
• Anti-ought-to L2 self
What do my surveys tell?

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# Ideal Chinese L2 Self

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<th>Interact with native speakers</th>
<th>Use Chinese in future career</th>
<th>Make impact on the world</th>
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To empower learners is to project learning onto future use:

- Language proficiency
- Cultural intelligence
- Future career
- Chinese community
Using Technology to Enhance Cross-language and cross-culture communication
Padlet

Virtual wall

Living webpage

Gathering ideas

Sharing thoughts

Collecting polls

Images, videos, texts, more
Text

Bell Ringer Activity

Interactive Storytelling

Exit Ticket
Images

- Ask questions
- Narrate a scene
- Explore Chinatown
他是中国人吗？

Choi, Haesol 3mo

她有弟弟吗？

Li Haibo

他喜欢打乒乓球吗？

他常常听音乐吗？

Lee, Mikael 3mo

他是中国人。

Julia Everett 3mo

我不知道。

Anonymous 1mo

他喜欢打乒乓球。
赵艺恩
我选了这个照片因为我也想坐那锁船。道明寺和他的朋友们坐得那锁船看起来很高级，真的像旅游。但杉菜和她的朋友坐的小船连启动都不行，非常尴尬。反正，我觉得道明寺的船看起来很好使我想坐那锁船旅游。

雪龙
我选择这个照片因为DaoMing Si盯着Dong Shancai，所以她太不舒服了。她吃午饭的时候，她抬头看到DaoMing Si。Dong Shancai不知道为什么DaoMing Si盯着她。然后他走向Dong Shancai，所以她很紧张。

郭明明
我很喜欢这个照片因为我觉得很滑稽。Dao Ming Si 把香蕉扔在地板上所以Shan Cai 的朋友绊倒了。他的屁股不好了。Dao Ming Si 想跟 Shan Cai 说话但是她不想所以Dao Ming Si 做这个活动。
Videos

Movie commentator

Showcase

https://padlet.com/dashboard
Cultural practice

Watch

Learn

Reflect
compare Taiji & Wubu 
compare taiji & wubu
Interconnection and counterbalancing of opposite forces
https://youtu.be/SYKzooKiluQ

Interaction between human and nature
https://youtu.be/5hd9WvRY_9o
Activate “Community”

- Campus: Rheber Dinning Hall
- Local: Dinning Business
- International: MacDonal d’s in China
Conclusion

What students are passionate about

Teaching methods

Activities


Have a good semester!