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Re-engaging young offenders with education and learning

Authentic Inquiry

A brief overview

Learning Objectives

Blue Session - Theory

- To understand the principles and steps of authentic inquiry.

Interventions in Education

- Interventions are measures taken to change the course of something
- For example, if someone is not engaging in educational opportunities, a practitioner may want an intervention to change that position.



Authentic Inquiry

- This is based on the principles of learning power
- Especially useful for learners who are disengaged from learning or do not see the relevance of learning to their life
- It represents an opportunity to re-engage an individual with the learning of something which is 'authentic' to them.



What is 'Authentic Inquiry'(AI)?



Authentic inquiry refers to:

'personalised learning which is rooted in student experience and choice. It is shaped by the learner's interest, driven by her curiosity and purpose, yet is capable of supporting the delivery of the valued outcomes of a publicly accountable curriculum '

(Deakin Crick 2009 p. 73)

What is Authentic Inquiry?

Authentic Inquiry is a pedagogical methodology which has been shown to be useful in re-engaging disengaged young people with education and learning.

It provides a step-by-step process to support coaches/mentors to re-engage young offenders whilst in custody.

Authentic Inquiry

Authentic inquiry is also referred to as 'archaeological' inquiry - a metaphor for digging up something and exploring it in detail from many angles.

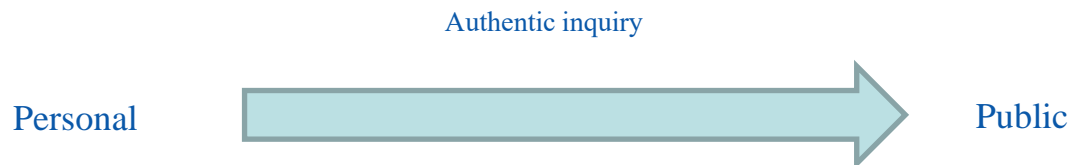


The *choice* of the topic is the most important element in AI because that is what is authentic.

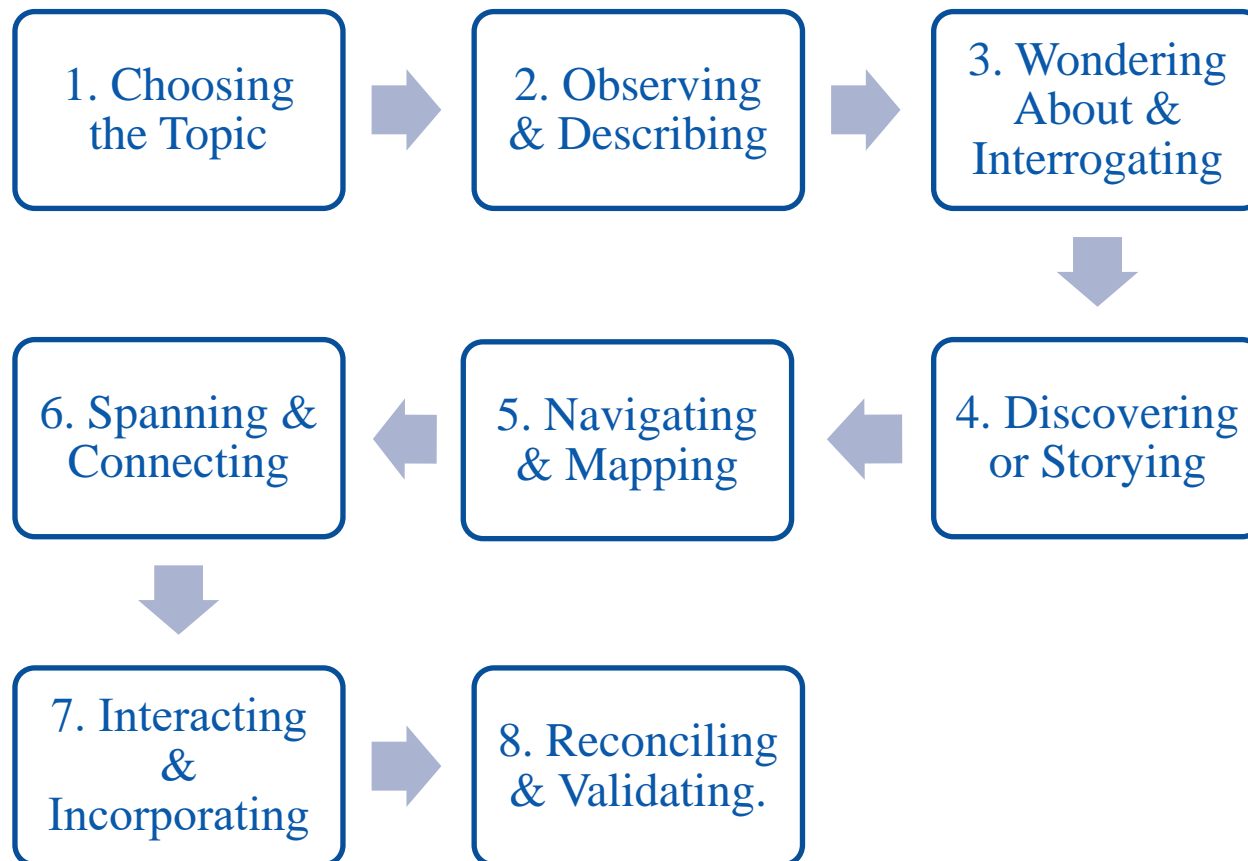
The idea is then to work upwards with this topic towards an outwardly recognised outcome so the learner believes that their authenticity is important and plays a role in their learning.

The Process of AI

8 stages in authentic inquiry. It starts with something that is authentic to the individual and moves through a range of stages to where the authentic also becomes something more public. Like a journey from the personal to the public.



8 Steps of Authentic Inquiry



Most challenging stage

1. Choosing a topic

This often represents
the most difficult part
of authentic inquiry.

Can you think why?

Can this also be
considered a weakness of
AI? Why?



**2. Observing
and describing**
the subject of
choice with
regards to the
choice itself and
relevance to self
within that.



3. **Wondering about and interrogating** the chosen topic.

Thinking in more
depth and breadth
about your chosen
topic.





4. Discovering or storying

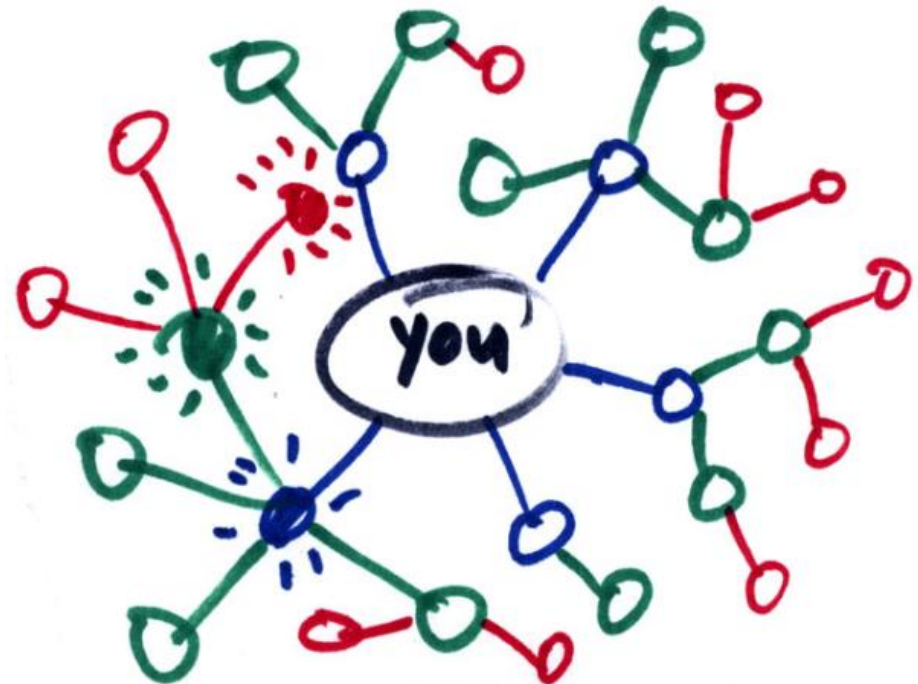
This would be related to the personal element of the learner. In other words, how does the object fit into their life as it has been and where it could go?

5. Navigating and mapping the self and the topic within the wider context. In other words what could be the relevance of this to the learner's life and new learning opportunities?



6. Spanning and connecting to established sources of knowledge.

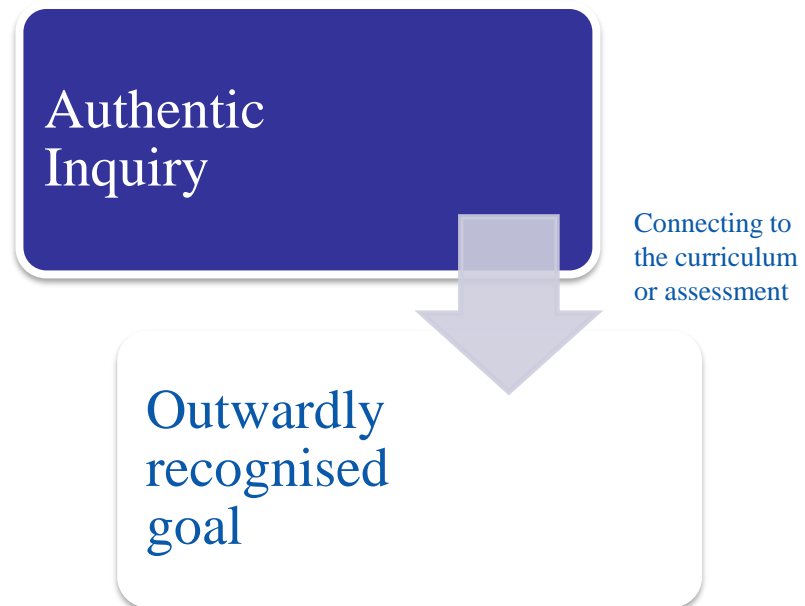
This is when the learner locates their story within the wider picture for relevance beyond the self.



7. Interacting and incorporating. This helps the learner to place their learning and connect the personal with the public.



8. Reconciling and validating. This is done by connecting the subject of interest to the curriculum, assessment or other outwardly recognised goal or achievement.





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