

Disturbing the Peace: Engaging a Quiet Classroom

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Agenda

- About us
- Plan for today
 - Setting the stage: creating an engaging environment
 - The main event: activities to liven up a quiet classroom

Setting the stage

A photograph of the Eastman Theater stage, showing the ornate architecture, red curtains, and the orchestra pit. The stage is set for a performance, with an orchestra pit filled with instruments and musicians. The audience is seated in the foreground, and the stage is illuminated by warm lights. The ceiling is high and features a grid of recessed lights. The walls are decorated with gold accents and classical architectural elements.

Setting the stage

- We inherit the dynamic of whatever class we're working with
- Here are ways to try to disrupt the dynamic

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Strategy #1: Dry-erase name tents

- Builds trust and equity - it's a dialogue, not a lecture
- Demonstrates an ethic of care
- Allows for better follow-up

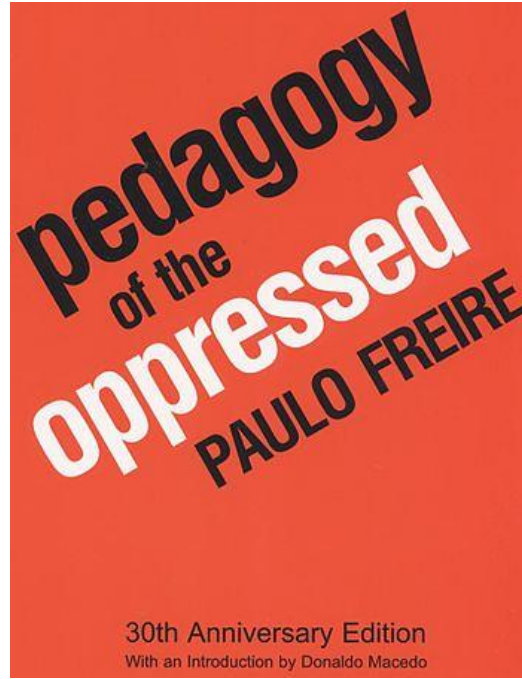


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Strategy #2: Seating Arrangements

- Classroom seating arrangement impacts student engagement
- Participation is lowest in traditional rows & columns

Marx, Fuhrer, & Hartig 1999

McCorskey & McVetta 1978

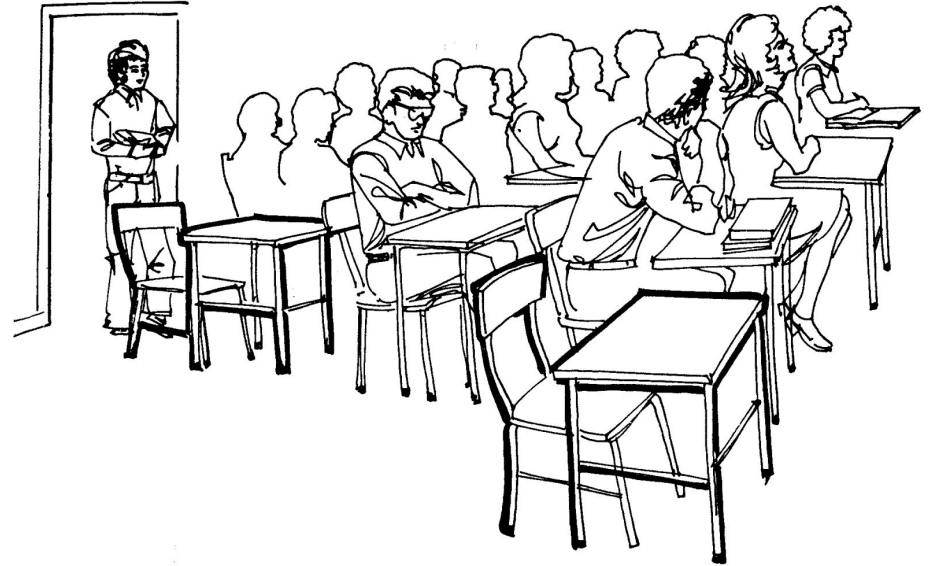


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