



Depth of study

Depth of study refers to approaching or studying something from the concrete to the abstract, from the familiar to the unfamiliar, and from the known to the unknown. Depth requires students to examine topics by determining the facts, concepts, generalizations, principles, and theories related to them. Depth necessitates uncovering more details and new knowledge related to a topic of study. Thus, depth encourages students to adopt perspectives and to see pattern in connections.

Depth has the following major dimensions:

- ◆ Language of the discipline
- ◆ Details
- ◆ Patterns
- ◆ Trends
- ◆ Unanswered questions
- ◆ Rules
- ◆ Ethics
- ◆ The big idea

Examples of Thinking Processes Associated with Depth:

Elaborate	Gather evidence	Paraphrase
Measure	Generalize	Describe
Extrapolate	Define ambiguity	Restate
Replicate	Judge	

Examples of Activities Related to Depth:

Participate in discussion	Debate an issue	Make a model
Draw a diagram	Graph a concept	Teach a lesson
Give a demonstration	Create an original product	
Translate into another form		