Teachable Moments
Recognizing & Reveling in Spontaneous Instances of Instruction

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Roughly defined, a **Teachable Moment** is one in which the student arrives at a position where they are **open to teaching**.

Capturing the Moment
...via online chat
Recognizing the Moments

- Spontaneous
- Situational
- Unstructured

with various stakeholders

- Students
- General Public
- Instructors & Faculty
- Administrators, Officials, & Donors
Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs

- Physiological
  - Food, Sleep, Shelter
- Safety
  - Health, Job, $
- Belonging
  - One’s Best Self
- Esteem
- Respect
- Self-Actualization
Maslow in Reality

Physiological

Belonging / Love

Esteem

Safety / Security

Readiness for Instruction
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Guidelines for Interaction

✓ Listen First
✓ Patience & Flexibility
✓ Body Language
✓ Brevity
✓ Graduated Release

Capturing the Moment

AS YOUR ATTORNEY
I ADVISE YOU NOT TO ROLL OVER
Turn & Talk

Consider a teachable moment you’ve participated in
Reveling in the Moment

Were you able to think of a teachable moment? Raise your hand
Creating a **Culture**

- Reassure: be kind
- Remind: be patient
- Reiterate: be thorough
Capturing the Moment
... in the archive
Q & A

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