SIMPLE STEPS TOWARDS TRANSFORMATIVE TEACHING
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FUNDAMENTALS

Rapport
- Forging connections
- Spiral introductions
- Affinity groups
- Student input

Humane teaching
- Compassion
- Beyond students as the enemy
- Flexibility
- Deep listening
- The so-called “Me generation.” Party/social track vs. career track

Passion
- Beyond teaching “loads”
- Communicating excitement
- Meaningful questions

TRANSFORMATION

Relevance
- Why should students care?
- Mental models
- Questioning syllabus

Creativity
- Beyond the knowledge transmission model
- Active/engaged/experiential learning
- Media
- Student-centered teaching, student-generated questions and projects

Challenging but fair
- Meaningful feedback
- Clear expectations/no guesswork
- Opportunities to learn from mistakes
- Beyond evaluation, formative vs. summative

RESOURCES

What the Best College Teachers Do by Ken Bain.
The Joy of Teaching by Peter Filene.
Teaching Critical Thinking: Practical Wisdom and other teaching books by bell hooks.
Teaching Tips and other books by Wilbert McKeachie.
Killing the Spirit by Page Smith.