

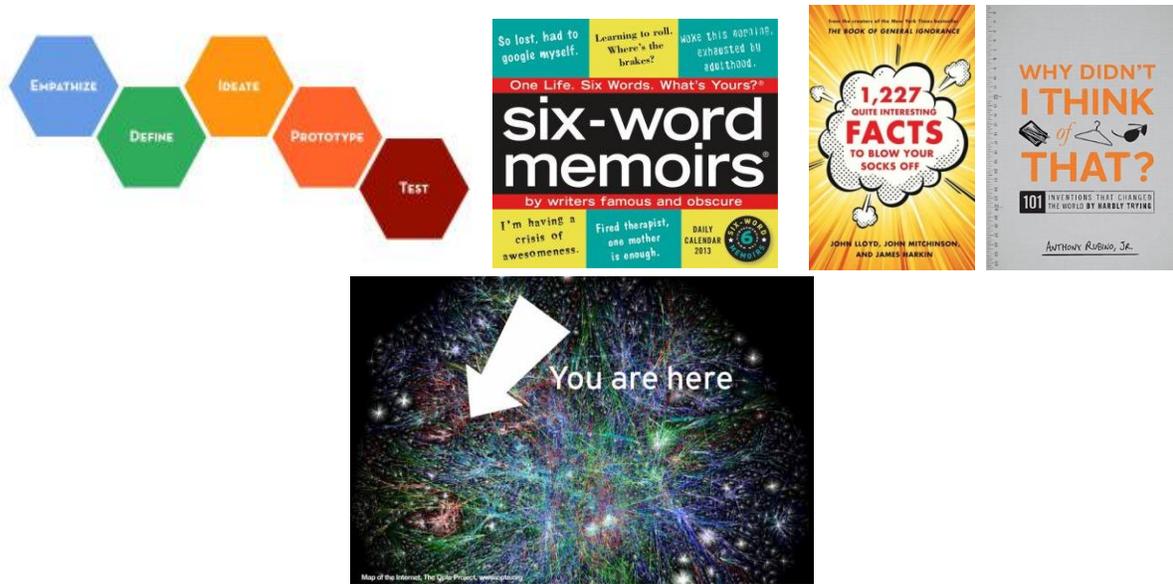
## :: Dis • Orientation ::

### Generative, Self-Organized Life-Hacking and Entrepreneurship

Based on the model of the Un-Conference, we developed a 36 hour professional development workshop called Dis-Orientation.

The intent is to encourage and inspire educators to reclaim the collaborative, creative process of learning for themselves and their students by disorienting them. To accomplish this, participants will connect in meaningful ways with other teachers to reflect upon their work and rethink their approaches to teaching.

Dis-Orientation Tools include: Design Thinking, 6-Word Memoirs, and ideas about hacking, entrepreneurship, and presentations.



**Objective: a way to rethink teaching...**

#### Day 1

- begin the day with a Gallery Walk of great student work from the previous year with coffee and pastries
- open the day with an improv activity to open up participants with laughter and perhaps make them slightly uncomfortable, maybe a simple "yes, and..." vacation memory activity
- present philosophical rationale for "disorientation"
- in groups of 3, have teachers networking and share their best teaching stories
- KEYNOTE ACTIVITY: flip the traditional keynote; create transference from a non-teaching activity – have a group of teachers (or all teachers in small groups) teach one another something other than their "specialty." for example: how to change the oil in a car or can pickles or sew a button or juggle or whistle... debrief by discussing the process of teaching and learning and ask for feedback about insights garnered about teaching and learning.
- break – walk - lunch
- have teachers interview one another about bad teaching experiences or examples of bad teaching
- have teachers produce 6 word memoirs of their teaching careers and share
- have teachers ideate "million dollar education ideas" and share

Homework: what are the least engaging parts of your work as a teacher? create 6 word explanations of the least engaging parts of your work as a teacher. (intentionally uncomfortable but perhaps too much?)

#### Day 2

- share 6 word explanation of the least engaging or most boring parts of your work as a teacher
- in groups, hack the least engaging parts of a teacher's work – collaborate using design thinking
- present and share hacks
- debrief by asking teachers what they will adopt as new practices
- have teachers follow-up with e-mail exchanges to share or prompt progress with new teaching practices

Resources:

DESIGN THINKING

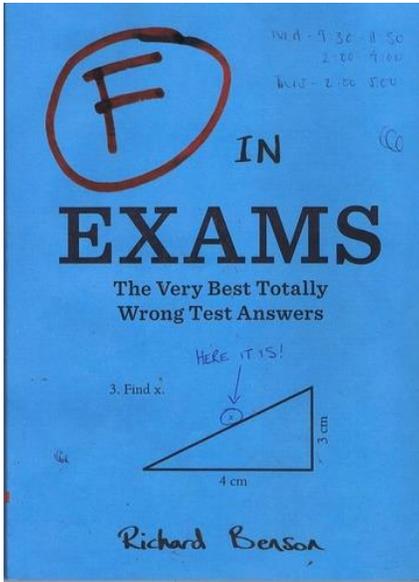
Sugata Mitra – self-organized learning environments (sole)

IDEO *The Deep Dive* parts 1-3 at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=JkH0xyafGpE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JkH0xyafGpE)

Derek Sivers: Weird or Just Different [www.ted.com/talks/derek\\_sivers\\_weird\\_or\\_just\\_different.html](http://www.ted.com/talks/derek_sivers_weird_or_just_different.html)

Seth Godin

[www.ted.com/talks/john\\_bohannon\\_dance\\_vs\\_powerpoint\\_a\\_modest\\_proposal.html](http://www.ted.com/talks/john_bohannon_dance_vs_powerpoint_a_modest_proposal.html) and identify



Products:

formatting knowledge – transference: how do you take knowledge from a content area like the history of Ming Dynasty China and represent it like the ingredients of a potato chip bag.

**Nutrition Facts**  
Serving Size 1 oz (28g/About 24 chips)

Amount Per Serving		Calories from Fat 70	
		% Daily Value*	
<b>Total Fat</b>	7g		<b>11%</b>
Saturated Fat	1g		<b>5%</b>
Trans Fat	0g		
Polyunsaturated Fat	3g		
Monounsaturated Fat	2g		
<b>Cholesterol</b>	0mg		<b>0%</b>
<b>Sodium</b>	110mg		<b>5%</b>
<b>Total Carbohydrate</b>	18g		<b>6%</b>
Dietary Fiber	2g		<b>7%</b>
Sugars	0g		
<b>Protein</b>	2g		
Vitamin A	0%	Vitamin C	0%
Calcium	2%	Iron	2%
Vitamin E	4%	Thiamin	2%
Niacin	2%	Vitamin B6	4%
Phosphorus	4%	Magnesium	4%

\* Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs:

	Calories: 2,000	2,500
Total Fat	Less than 65g	80g
Sat Fat	Less than 20g	25g
Cholesterol	Less than 300mg	300mg
Sodium	Less than 2,400mg	2,400mg
Total Carbohydrate	300g	375g
Dietary Fiber	25g	30g

Calories per gram:  
Fat 9 • Carbohydrate 4 • Protein 4

**INGREDIENTS:** Whole White Corn, Vegetable Oil (Corn, Soybean, Canola and/or Sunflower Oil), and Salt.  
No Preservatives.