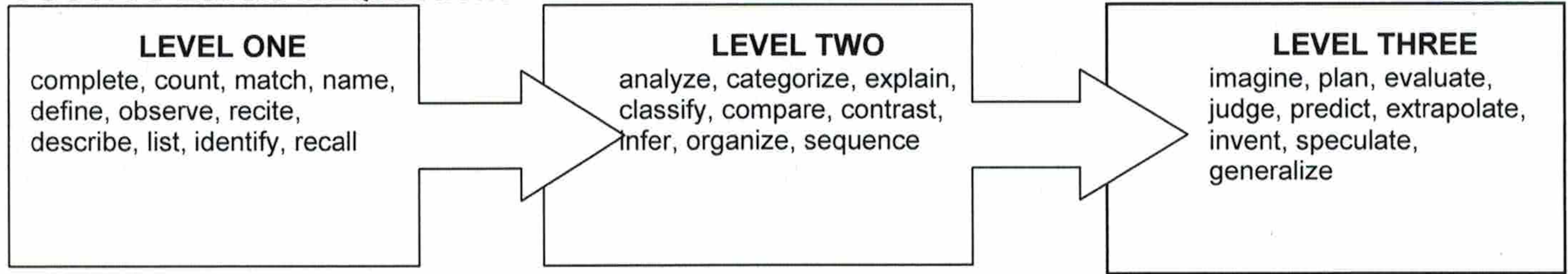


TEACHER TIPS

COSTA'S Levels of Questions



TEST TAKING TIPS

5 Types of Multiple Choice

- Factual recall
- "reverse" multiple choice
- Conceptual
- Matching
- Lab-based (analytical, graphs, etc)

How to Take a Test

- Triple pass (easy first, hard second, check over third)
- Read questions carefully
- Anticipate answers
- Eliminate answers

Essay Question Pointers (A-T-P: Attack the Prompt)

1. Read the essay question. Underline all of the "to do" and action words (verbs). These action words tell you what's required.
2. Set up a sort to T-table: To do word/Task
3. Target possible answers and briefly list the info in the t-table. Include key vocab terms!
4. Pick the order of your response: outline how you are going to write out your essay.
5. Write out your essay...be sure to use all of your key terms.
6. Go back and make sure you addressed all key action words in your final response. THAT'S IT!

Classroom Management Strategies (Things that I find work)

- The bell does not release them, you do. (train them the first 2 weeks of school and you've got them for the year)
- Randomly choose students to answer questions (put names on poker cards, note cards, roll dice) Have a point chart when they answer it correctly...extra credit! Or class credit. Easily printed from rollsheets.
- Have the "busy" students serve a teacher helpers. Pass out papers, collect papers, etc.
- Kids get restless...if they are nodding off...have them stand up and stretch
- The "Timer" (every time they start talking, start the timer...that's how long they stay after the bell)
- Don't use OCD or referral unless you HAVE to.
- Have them call their mom during class. Hehehe. I love this one.
- Have them sit close to teacher's desk.
- Do not tolerate disrespect but don't be a yeller. The "evil" eye works wonders
- Ask them to stand outside, but don't let them disturb other classes.
- Room cleaners! Keep Windex on hand for those kids that won't fall in line.
- The message (have a "note" that will be given to a teacher...have that student take the note...find a teacher in advance to do this with)
- Send them to another classroom WITH WORK!!!! Don't just send them out for your colleagues to deal with. Book work is just fine.
- Arrange the seating to decrease distractions. I let them choose who to sit by at the beginning of the year then will move them if they are disruptive.
- Do NOT tolerate cheating. Cheating = 0. No questions asked. They'll learn after the first time.
- Bell-to-bell: have a warm-up everyday on the board...be prepared if your class doesn't reach the bell...have them do some sort of strategy to burn time. Quick write, brainstorm, drawing, opinion, etc.
- Keep room somewhat organized (a chaotic environment can breed chaos). Be CONSISTENT!!!!
- A smile goes a long way...so does being yourself. Students can see through it...don't be transparent, be you.
- I've tried the "students write the rules and punishments" without much success but some people like it.
- You can do the "clap once" bit...but I find teenagers get annoyed by it.
- Students LOVE competition...any type of inter or intra class competition is awesome and keeps them motivated.
- Don't let them use ipods or cell phones. Consistency with discipline is key. (If you let them do this and other teachers don't, it causes problems. Don't be a part of the problem.)
- Provide students with a checklist. What it takes to get an A....all the way to an F.
- Give immediate feedback. Quick (5 question/multiple choice) quizzes that can be graded on the spot are awesome!