Mental Models

The basis for our actions

This diagram was created by Danial Goleman of his mental model to explain his responses to seeing a snake. It is his attempt to communicate just how private, complex and powerful mental models are.

Grasping this significance will influence how you view assessment for learning. It will change how you communicate the major concepts of your subject as well as how to assess your students’ understanding of them.

The visual solution

Visuals have a more direct access to mental models than words alone. Visual models are mental models taken out of the head and put into graphic format. Meaning is evident in the grouping and connecting.

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REFERENCES
