Webb’s depth of knowledge

Webb’s depth of knowledge is a framework that encourages educators to think about their learning goals and outcomes in terms of intellectual and academic rigor. The infographic, below, provides associated action verbs and example activities for each level.

![Webb's Depth of Knowledge Infographic]

### Level One Activities
- Recall elements and details of story structure, such as sequence of events, character, plot and setting.
- Conduct basic mathematical calculations.
- Label locations on a map.
- Represent in words or diagrams a scientific concept or relationship.
- Perform routine procedures like measuring length or using punctuation marks correctly.
- Describe the features of a place or people.

### Level Two Activities
- Identify and summarize the major events in a narrative.
- Use context cues to identify the meaning of unfamiliar words.
- Solve routine multiple-step problems.
- Describe the cause/effect of a particular event.
- Identify patterns in events or behavior.
- Formulate a routine problem given data and conditions.
- Organize, represent and interpret data.

### Level Three Activities
- Support ideas with details and examples.
- Use voice appropriate to the purpose and audience.
- Identify research questions and design investigations for a scientific problem.
- Develop a scientific model for a complex situation.
- Determine the author’s purpose and describe how it affects the interpretation of a reading selection.
- Apply a concept in other contexts.

### Level Four Activities
- Conduct a project that requires specifying a problem, designing and conducting an experiment, analyzing its data, and reporting results/solutions.
- Apply mathematical model to illuminate a problem or situation.
- Analyze and synthesize information from multiple sources.
- Describe and illustrate how common themes are found across texts from different cultures.
- Design a mathematical model to inform and solve a practical or abstract situation.

Additional Resources

Select the links below to learn more about Webb’s depth of knowledge from the following educational organizations:

- ASCD in Service: What exactly is depth of knowledge?
- Edutopia: Using Webb’s depth of knowledge to increase rigor
- University of North Texas: Bloom’s taxonomy and depth of knowledge