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# **Imagination in the natural sciences: pattern recognition, transformation and expression**

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Canada*

## Mi'kmaq Nation traditional territory

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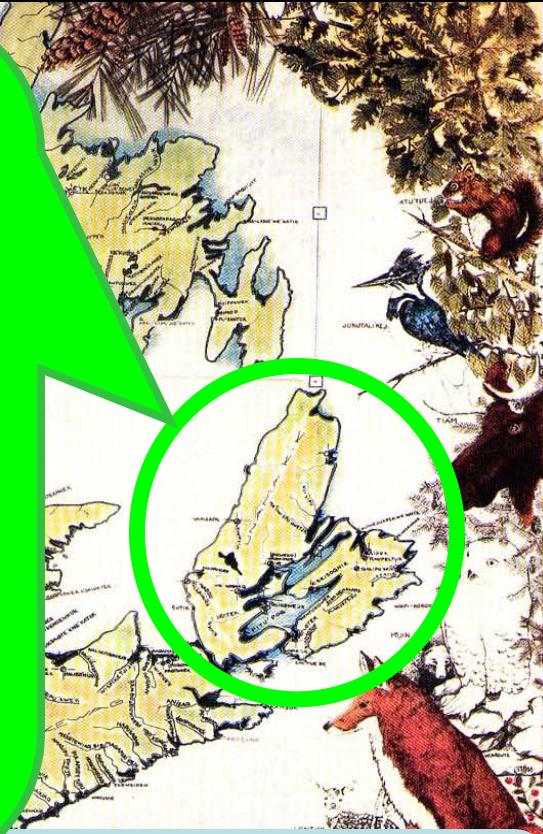
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**The central dilemma of science education today is the teaching of science from only one cultural perspective, and in an incomplete and non-connected manner.**

Gregory Cajete, PhD, Univ. of New Mexico



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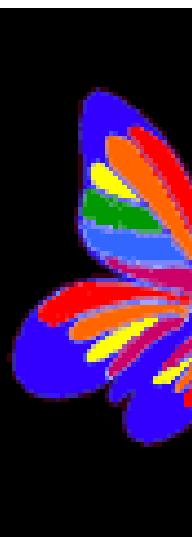
science education  
strength in diverse approaches

## PATTERN CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK



vigour

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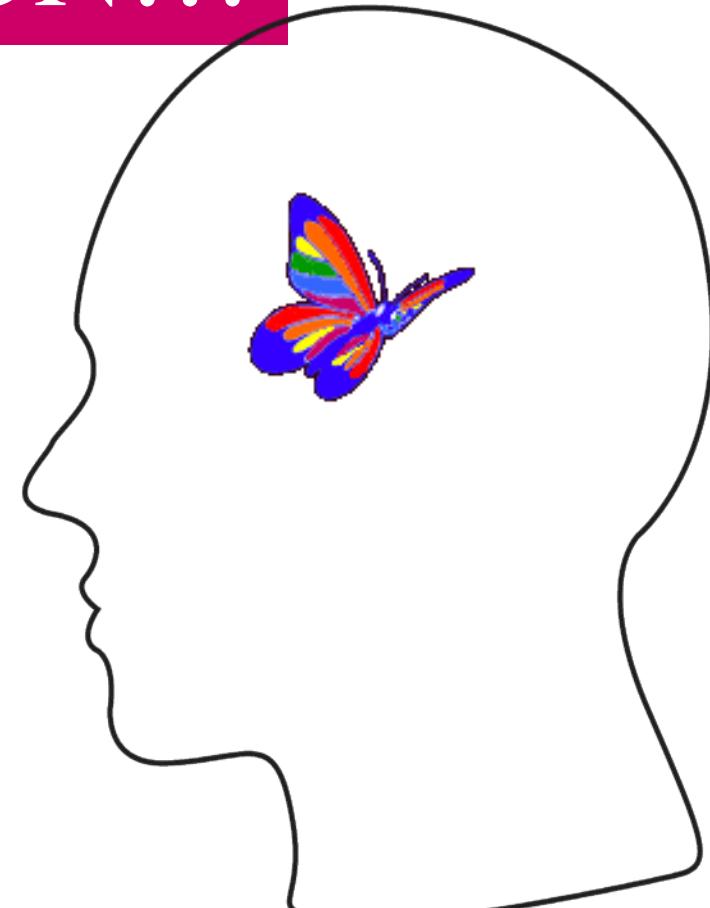


rigour

**UN-WEAVING**

# IMAGINATION...

PURELY  
INNER?



# PATTERN CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

IMAGINATION...

between OUTER  
and INNER?



and INNER and OUTER?

# PATTERN CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

natural



ideal



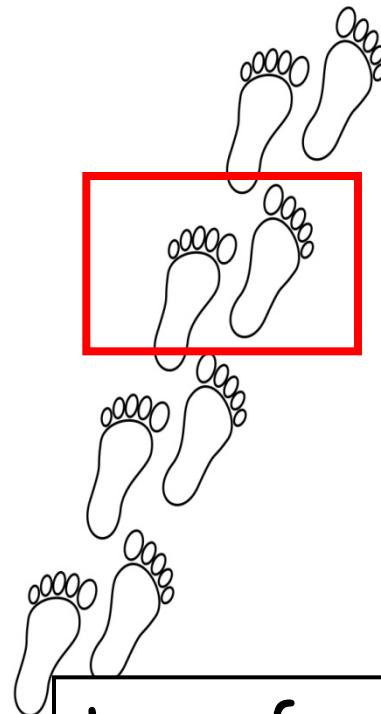
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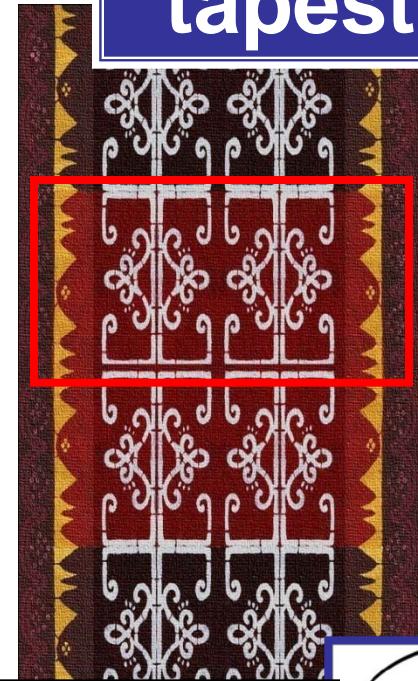


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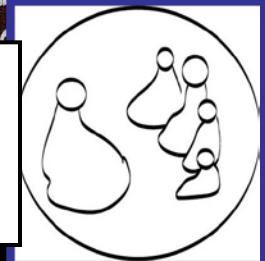
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recognize  
pattern

transform  
pattern

express  
pattern



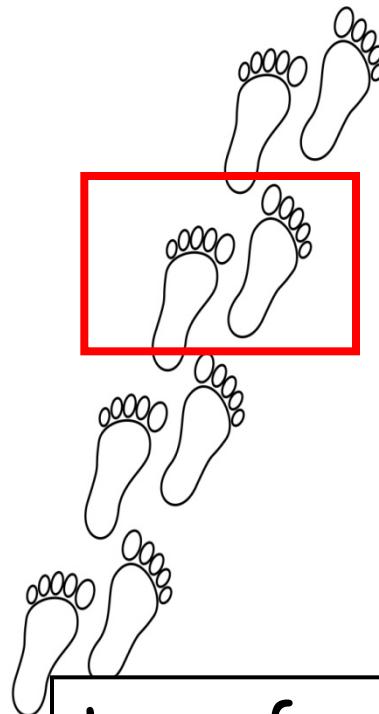
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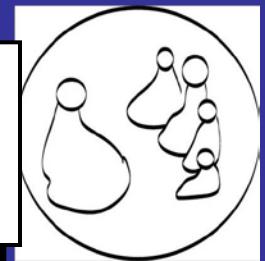
transform pattern

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footsteps

+2  
+2  
+2  
2

express pattern



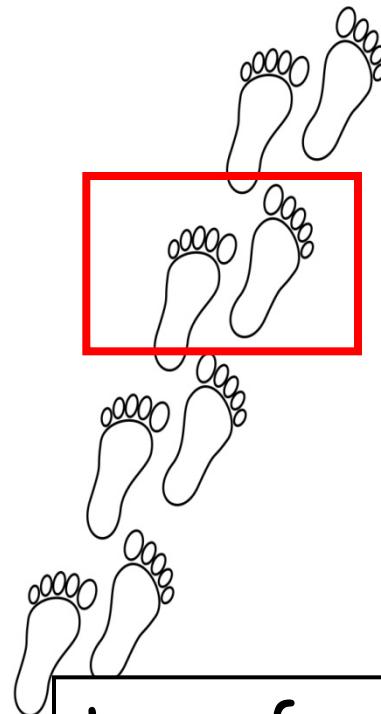
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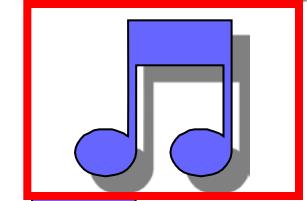


transform pattern

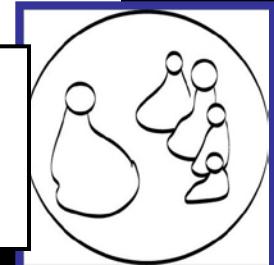
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music

+2  
+2  
+2  
2



express pattern

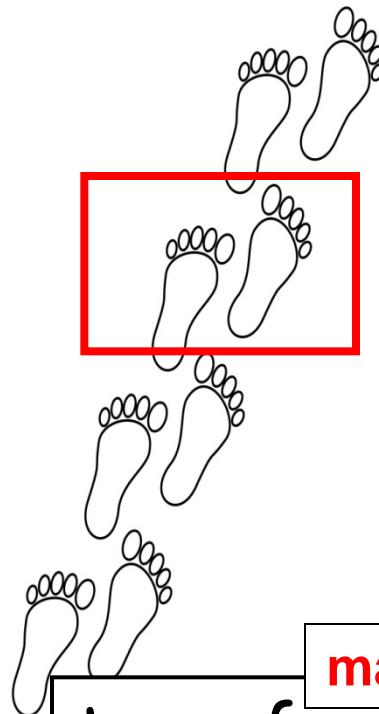


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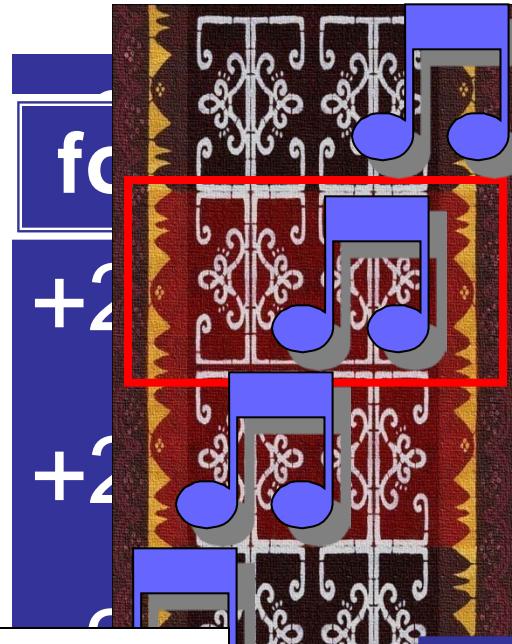
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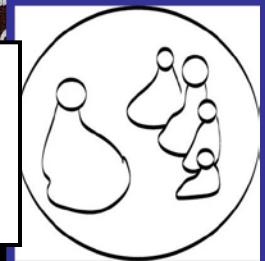
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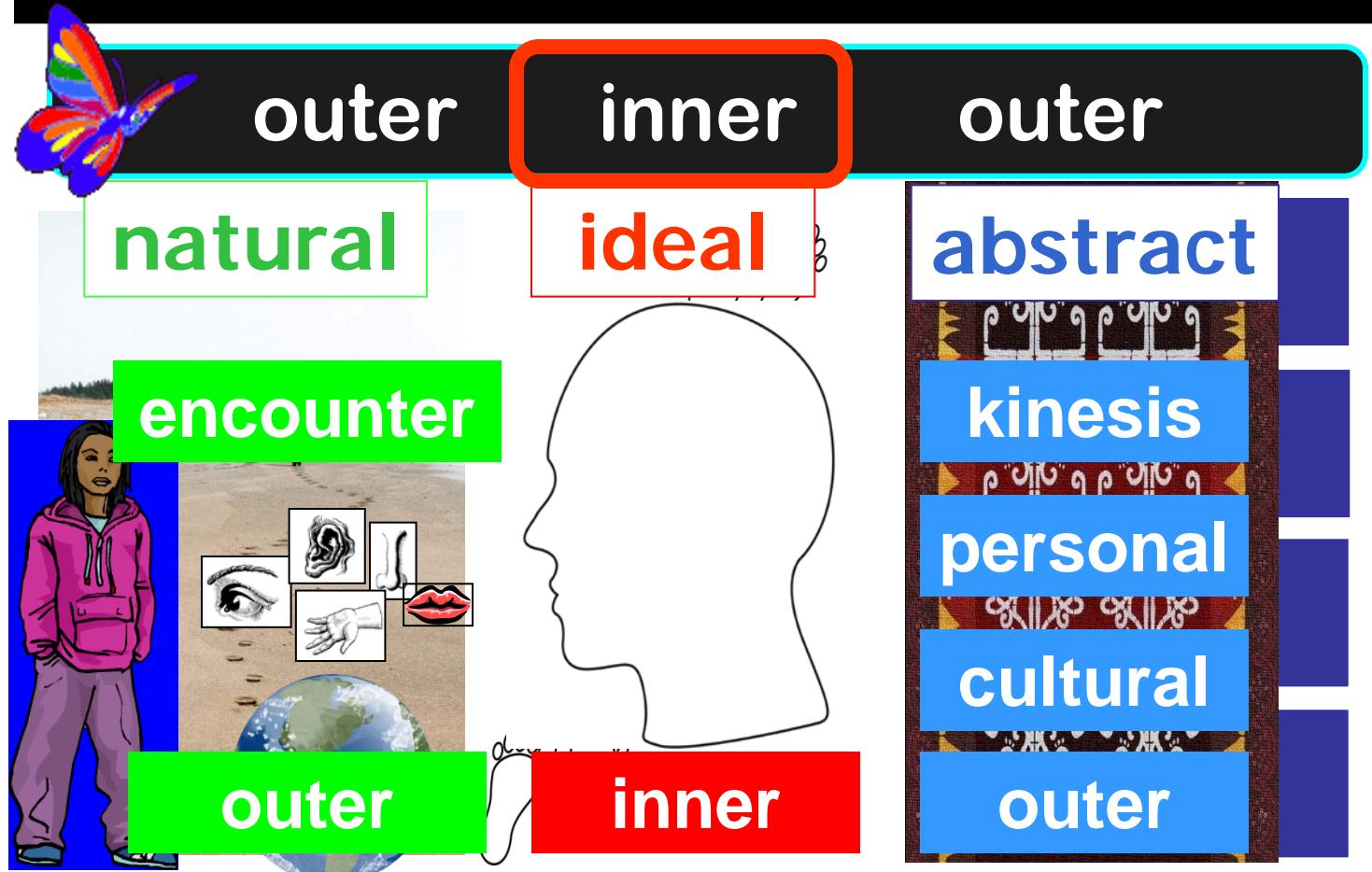
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many ways to:  
transform  
pattern

express  
pattern



# PATTERN CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK



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# PATTERN CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

outer

inner

outer

**natural**

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Matteuccia struthiopteris

fiddlehead

crozier

Mtèskmwaqsil

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struthio + pteris

ostrich + feather

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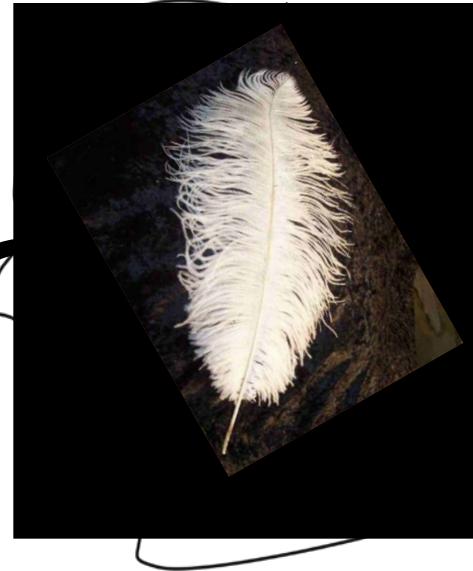
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*struthiopteris*

struthio + pteris

ostrich + feather

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fiddlehead

fiddle + head

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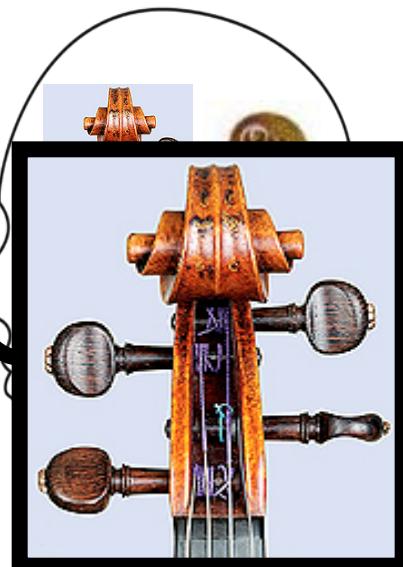
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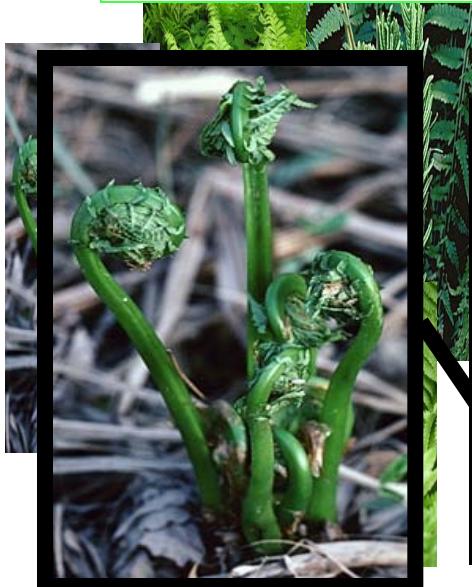
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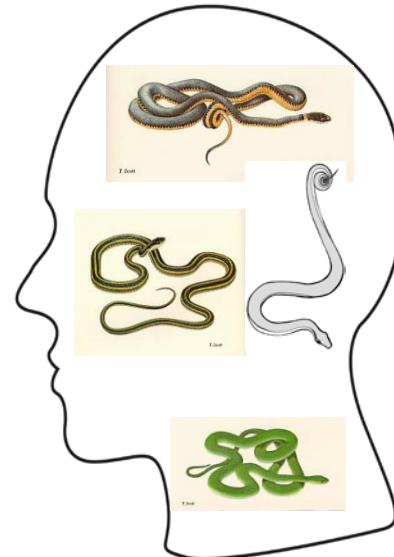
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snakes bunched

Mtes'km + waqsil

Mtèskmwaqsil

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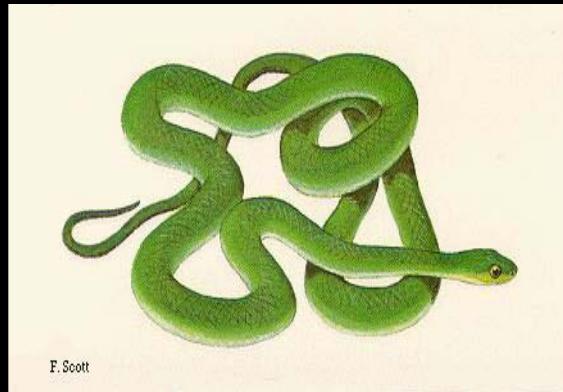
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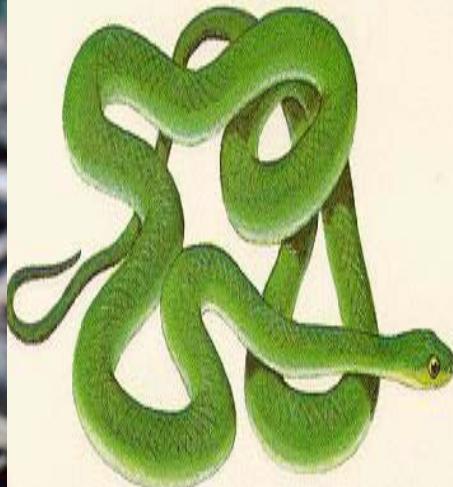
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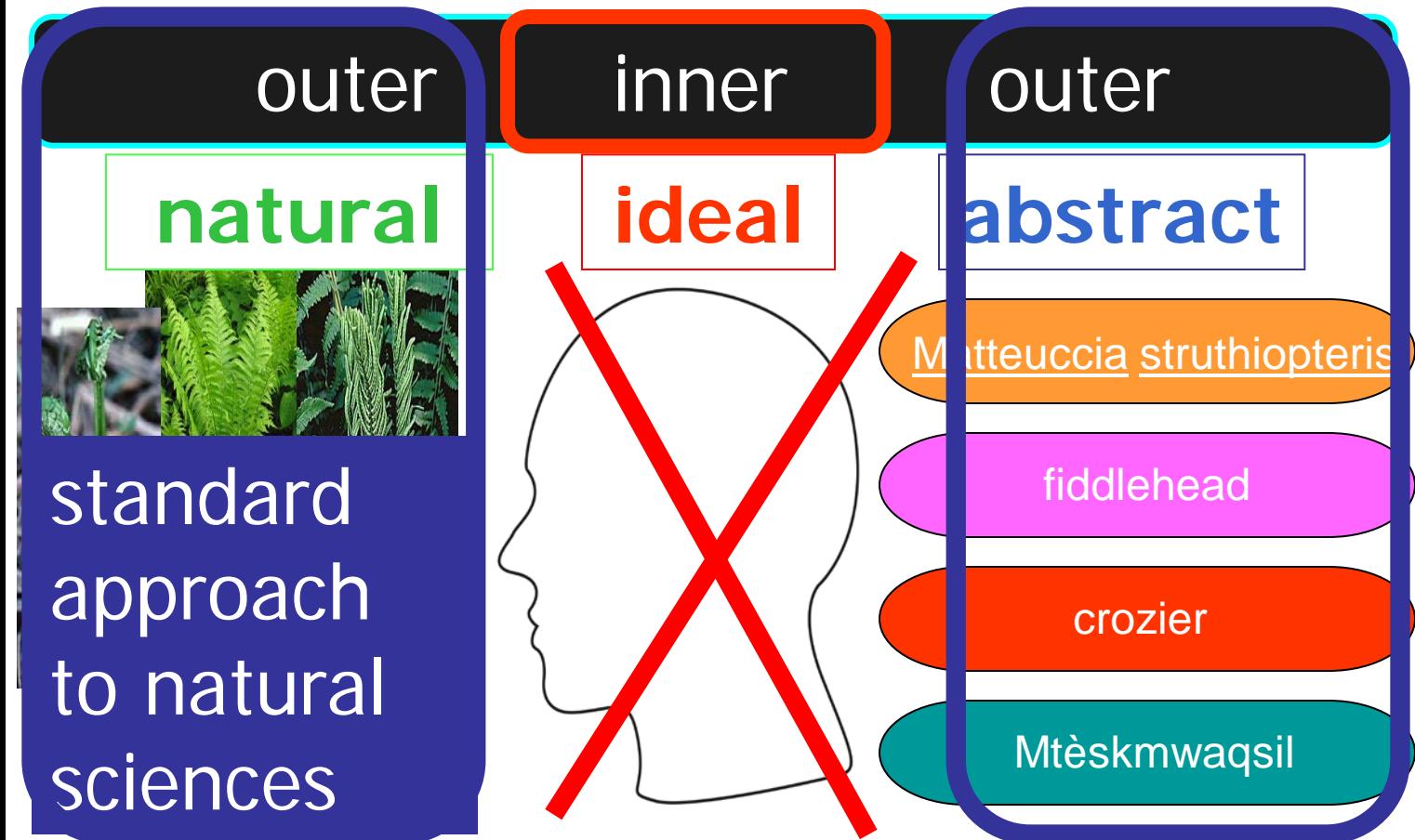
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**natural**

recognize  
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transform  
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express  
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outer

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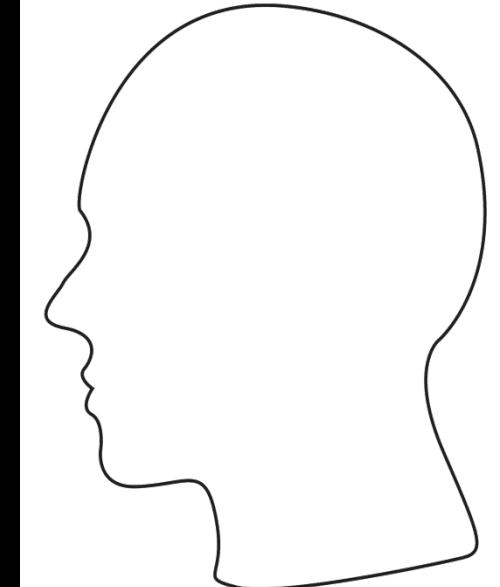


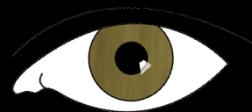
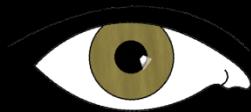
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think about  
thinking

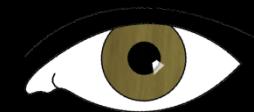
self awareness

metacognition

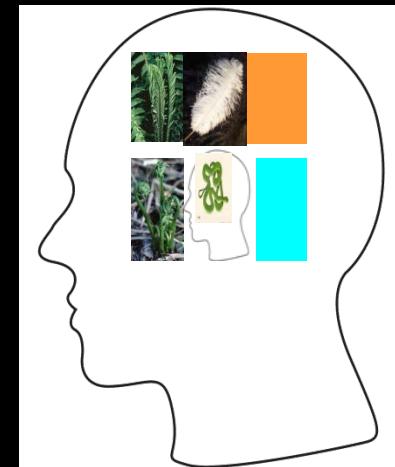
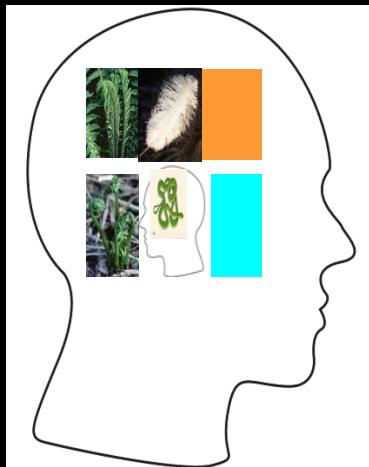




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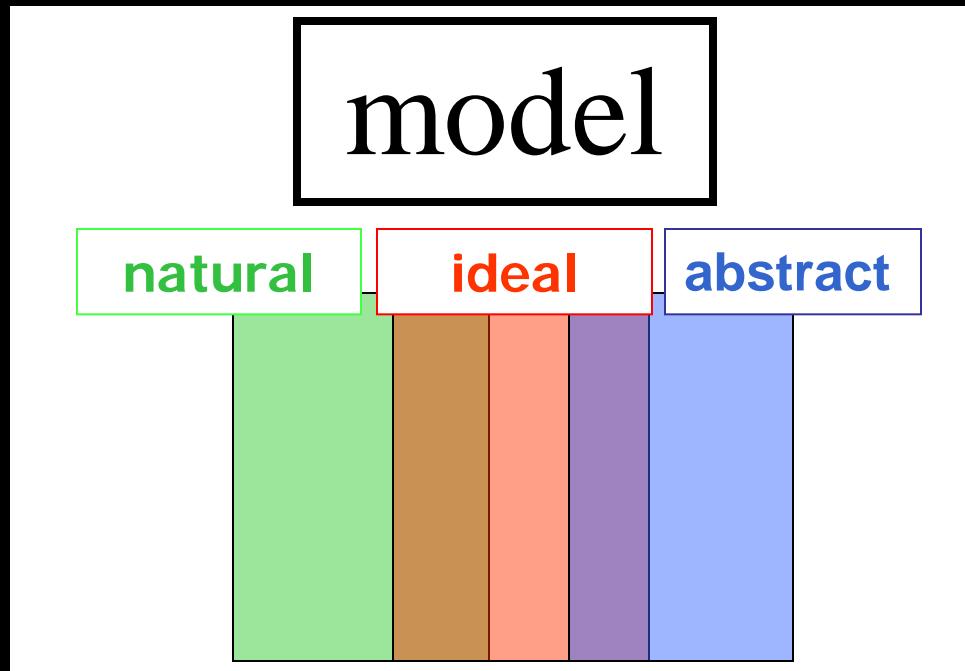




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# science education strength in diverse approaches

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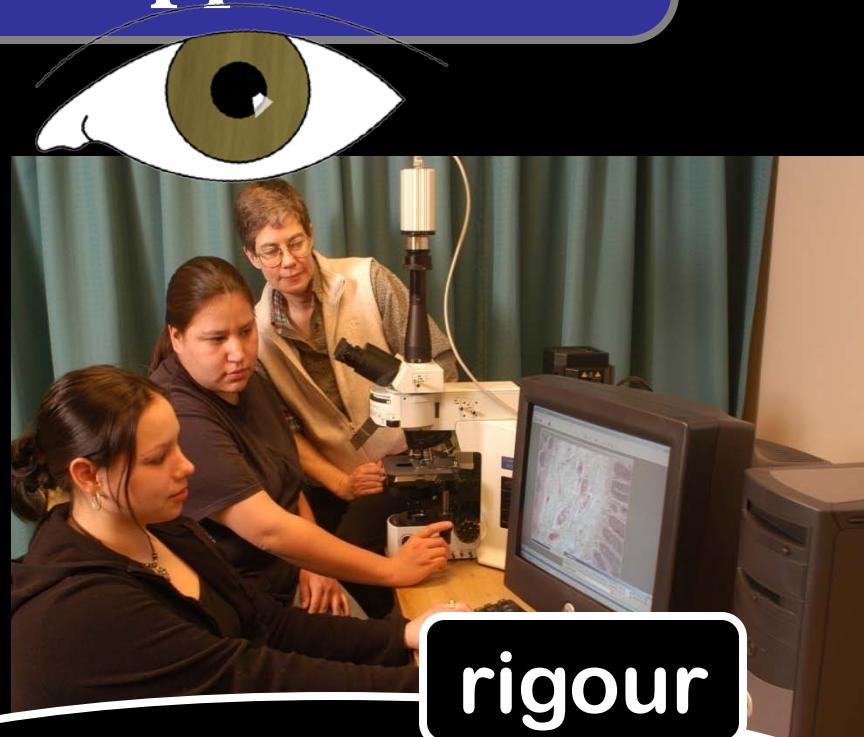
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