

Mindset Lists

Objectives

- Advisors will be able to (AWBAT): Reflect on true colors assessment
- AWBAT: Learn about student Mindset List and assess what that means for how we communicate to students
- AWBAT: Understand what communication can look like for supporting students for retention and academic success

Recall

- True Colors looks at communication
- Supports approach for bridging shared communication
- Looks at *conditions* of what someone needs to be successful



Beloit College- Student Mindset

- Started in 1998
- Cultural Touchstones-Students Entering College
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Things to Note

- These lists are looking at social patterns
- Not meant to be an exhaustive list
- Guide perspective for context

2018

- For You to Note

- During their initial weeks of kindergarten, they were upset by endlessly repeated images of planes blasting into the World Trade Center.
- “Press pound” on the phone is now translated as “hit hashtag.”
- “Good feedback” means getting 30 likes on your last Facebook post in a single afternoon.
- Yet another blessing of digital technology: They have never had to hide their dirty magazines under the bed.

- Student Understands

- Meds have always been an option
- The water cooler is no longer the workplace social center; it’s the place to fill your water bottle.
- Female referees have always officiated NBA games.
- Since Toys R Us created a toy registry for kids, visits to Santa are just a formality.
- Attending schools outside their neighborhoods, they gather with friends on Skype, not in their local park.

2019

- For You to Note

- Hybrid automobiles have always been mass produced.
- They have never licked a postage stamp.
- Four foul-mouthed kids have always been playing in South Park.
- The announcement of someone being the “first woman” to hold a position has only impressed their parents.
- They have avidly joined Harry Potter, Ron, and Hermione as they built their reading skills through all seven volumes.
- Teachers have always had to insist that term papers employ sources in addition to those found online.
- CNN has always been available *en Español*.
- **“Trolling” innocents on social media has always been uncharitable.** Cynical and bullying attacks on happy campers, preserved on the internet, may come back to haunt you.

- Student Understands

- Google has always been there, in its founding words, “to organize the world’s information and make it universally accessible.”
- Email has become the new “formal” communication, while texts and tweets remain enclaves for the casual.
- “No means no” has always been morphing, slowly, into “only yes means yes.”
- Cell phones have become so ubiquitous in class that teachers don’t know which students are using them to take notes and which ones are planning a party.

2020

- For You To Note

- Among those who have never been alive in their lifetime are Frank Sinatra, Phil Hartman, Matthew Shepard, Sonny Bono, and Flo-Jo.
- They never heard Harry Caray try to sing during the seventh inning at Wrigley Field.
- The Ali/Frazier boxing match for their generation was between the daughters of Muhammad and Joe.
- Each year they've been alive the U.S. population has grown by more than one million Latinos.

- Students Understands

- Vladimir Putin has always been calling the shots at the Kremlin.
- *SpongeBob SquarePants* has always lived at Bikini Bottom.
- They have never had to watch or listen to programs at a scheduled time.
- “Nanny cams” have always been available to check up on the babysitter.
- Bluetooth has always been keeping us wireless and synchronized.
- Snowboarding has always been an Olympic sport.

2021

- For You To Note

- Students heading into their first year of college this year are mostly 18 and were born in 1999.
- Among the iconic figures who have never been alive in their lifetimes are Joe DiMaggio, John F. Kennedy Jr., Walter Payton, and Dusty Springfield.
- *eHarmony* has always offered an algorithm for happiness.
- It is doubtful that they have ever used or heard the high-pitched whine of a dial-up modem.
- The BBC has always had a network in the U.S. where they speak American.

- Students Understands

- The Panama Canal has always belonged to Panama and Macau has been part of China.
- Donald Trump has always been a political figure, as a Democrat, an Independent, and a Republican.
- *Dora the Explorer* and her pet monkey Boots helped to set them on the course of discovery
- U.S. Supreme Court decisions have always been available at its website.
- U.S. professional baseball teams have always played in Cuba.
- Barbie and American Girl have always been sisters at Mattel.

What does this info mean as we create models for student success

- **COACHING**

- coach through challenging assignments

- **MODIFIED UNIFORMITY**

- Assist with the Planning of *HOW* something can be modified

- **ACCESS AND TRANSPARENCY**

- TELLING SOMEONE THE “WHY” BEHIND A SEEMINGLY MUNDANE TASK CAN BE INCREDIBLY POWERFUL

- **LOVE AND LOGIC**

- An unintentional action has an intentional consequence



What does this info mean as we create shared communication?

- **Coaching the Affirmative**

- *Here are some samples that will help you.*
- Why don't you do an outline and we'll review it together?
- I know I'm throwing you in the deep end with such a big project, but I want to see what you can do. Don't worry if it's not perfect the first time.

- **HOW something can be modified**

- help students think about issues and find a workable plan, not to insist on how *we'd do it*

- **Love and Logic supports the *why***

- Decision-making skills are improved through discussion
- Accessibility doesn't have to be present, but patient for learning the lesson



Questions???

The image features a central graphic with a hypnotic spiral pattern in shades of red and brown. At the center of the spiral is a solid dark blue circle. Overlaid on this circle is the text "That's all Folks!" in a white, elegant cursive script. The text is slightly shadowed, giving it a three-dimensional appearance as if it's floating above the spiral. The entire graphic is set against a solid dark red background.

That's all Folks!