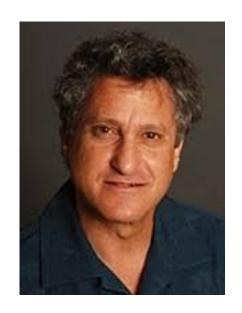
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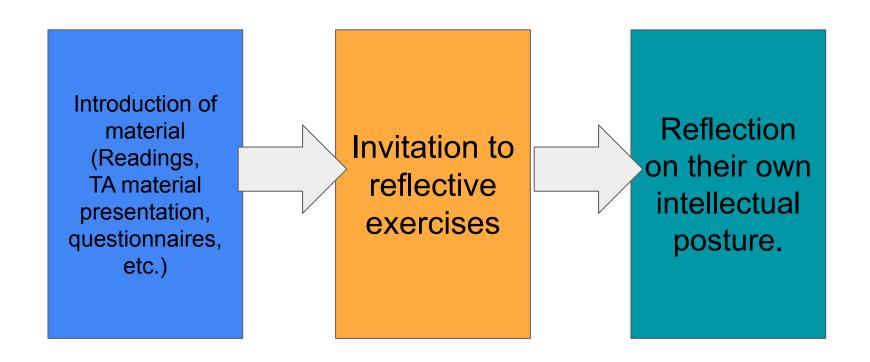


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The framework:



What are reflective exercises?

"What evidence points us to believing in the paper's/author's claims?"

"What kind of evidence could convince you that this idea is right? And wrong?"

"What should we do with this idea if evidence of type X (contrary to the idea) emerged?"

"Is the existing set of evidence for idea A sufficient to say that it is true?"

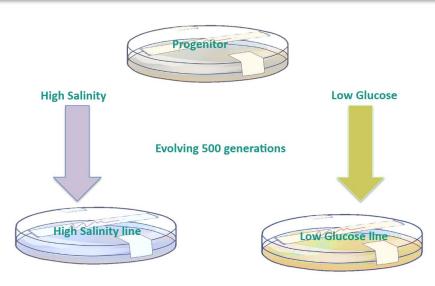
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Why engage in reflective exercises?

They encourage students to think about the fallibility of their own ideas, open-mindedness, and the continuous revision in science.

"It is important to emphasize to students during science teaching that they are also agents in the process of evaluating ideas. Therefore, it is the educator's role to discuss a set of cognitive strategies that help them reflect on the epistemic status of ideas and beliefs."

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