Muddiest Point

Muddiest point is a classroom assessment technique (C.A.T.) that gives students opportunities to point out what they are most confused about and clearly explain what is muddy.

Muddiest Point at a Glance

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Setting up Muddiest Points

- Create a prompt starting with “What is the muddiest point in _____?” and fill in the blank for the specific topic or idea you want students to explain.

- Decide how you want to collect the data. Options include but are not limited to:
  - Having students write down their answer on a blank sheet of their own paper
  - Providing students with a piece of paper that already has a prompt on it
  - Asking students to respond to a prompt using Hotseat

Processing the Responses

- First, it is recommended that you quickly read through at least half of the responses, looking for common themes.

- Next, sort them into piles containing groups of related muddy points and a one “catch-all” pile made up of “one-of-a-kind-responses.”

References