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Eden University—Nurturing Life for the Real World

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Abstract

Teachers are responsible for equipping students with wisdom for survival in the "real world." One method for fulfilling this task is to transport three essential elements from the Garden of Eden into the classroom environment. This means: 1) exposing students to every "tree" in the garden, 2) inviting "the serpent" into the classroom in order to make every decision tempting, and 3) reflecting together on the benefits/consequences of every decision. Students and teachers who explore, wrestle with, and reflect on real world problems first in a nurturing community are better equipped to survive and even thrive in the "real world."

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