



75th Midwest Clinic

Young Dumb and Broke

A Reflection on the first 10 years of Teaching

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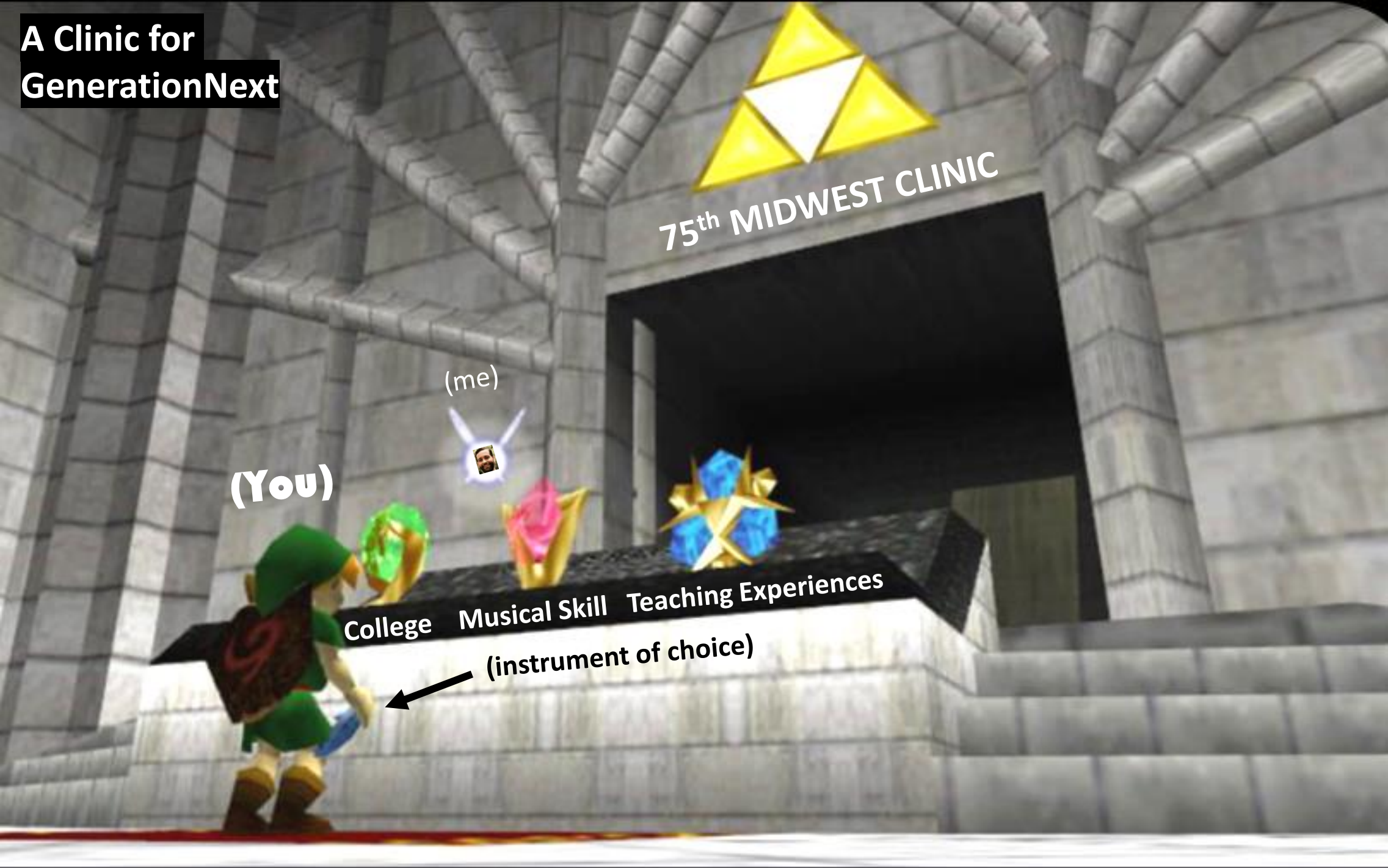
Advice

Pedagogical Strategies

The Golden Rules of Teaching Music

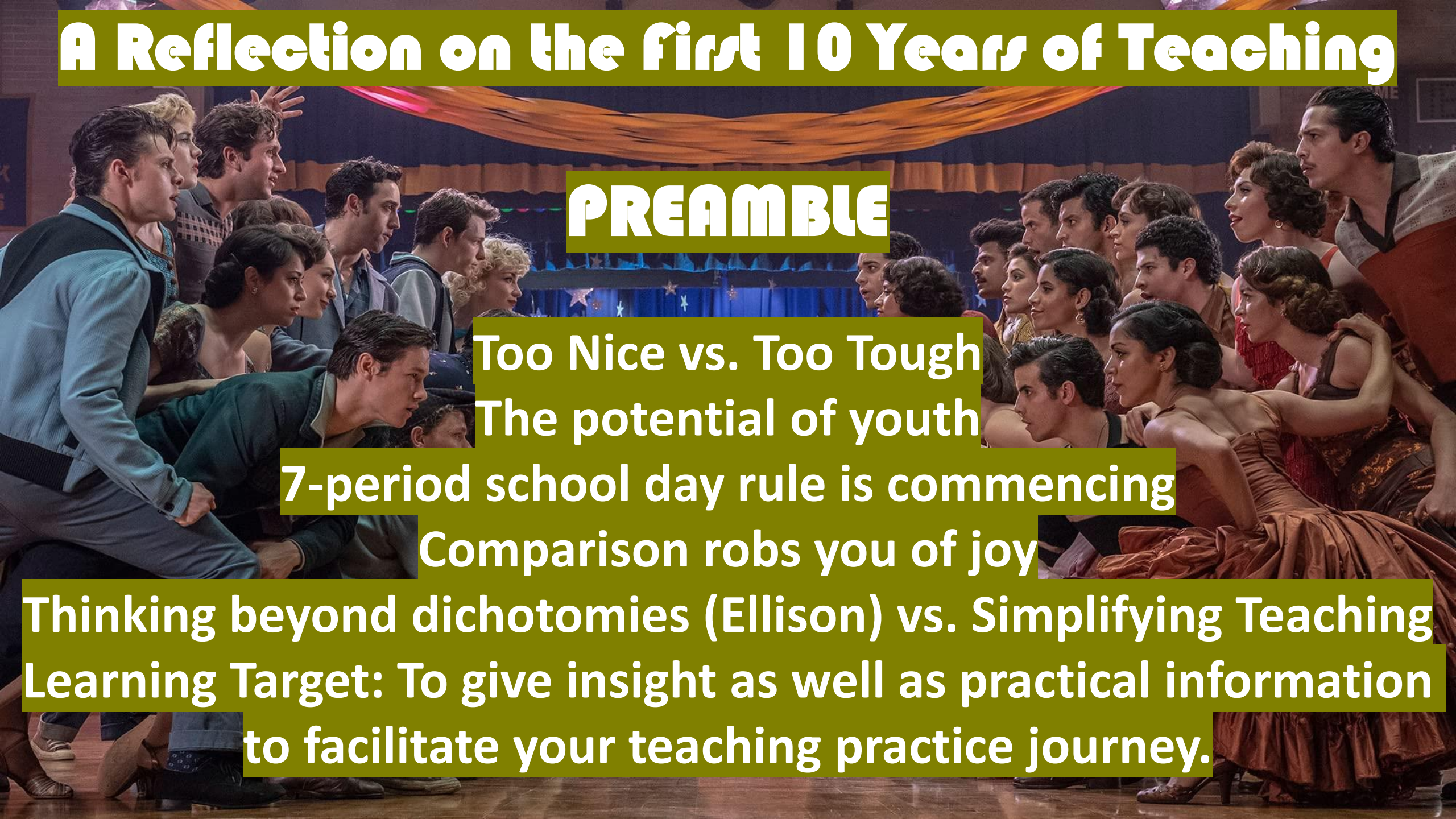
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A Clinic for
GenerationNext



Intentionally Blank

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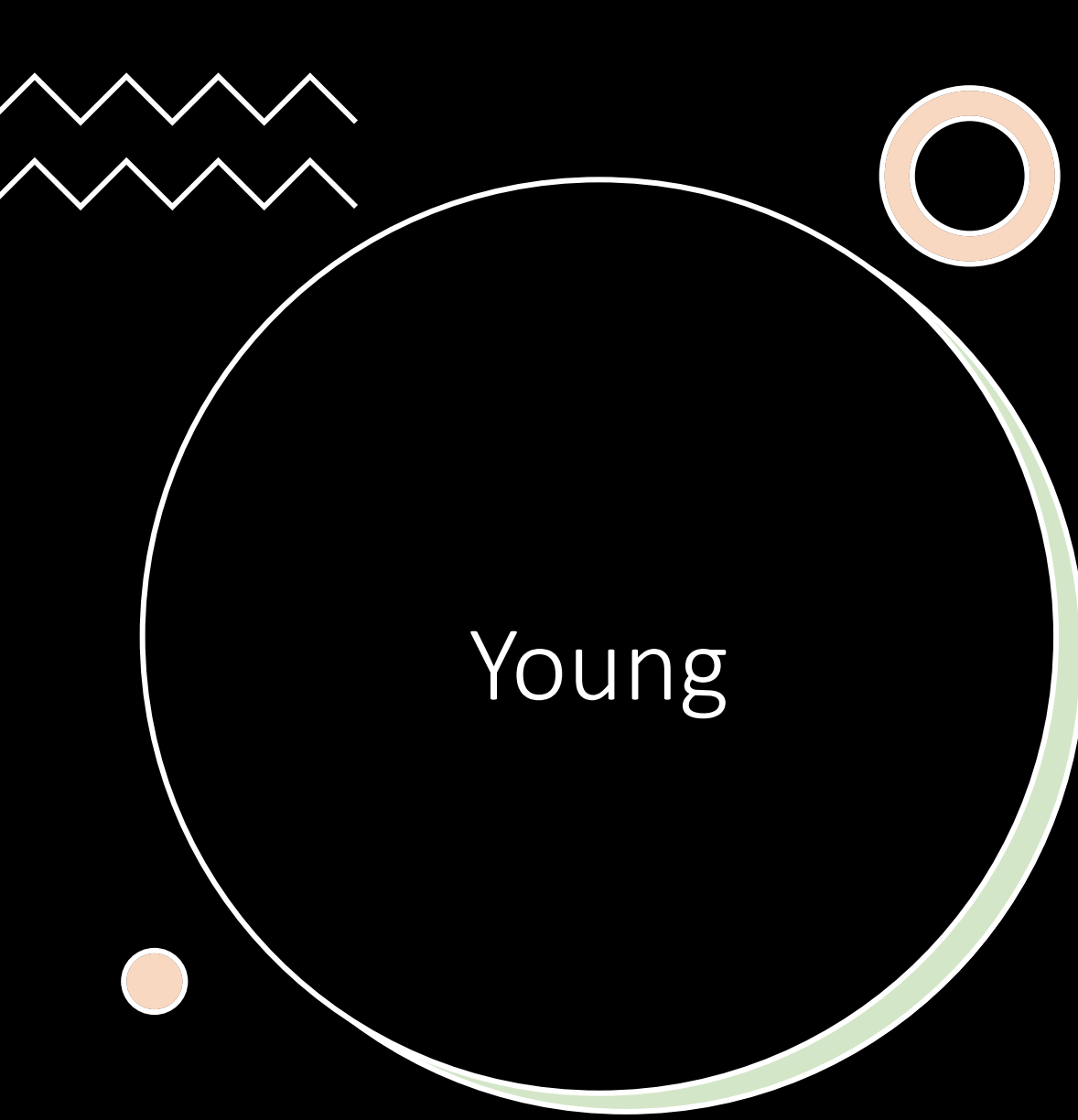
PREAMBLE

Too Nice vs. Too Tough
The potential of youth

7-period school day rule is commencing

Comparison robs you of joy

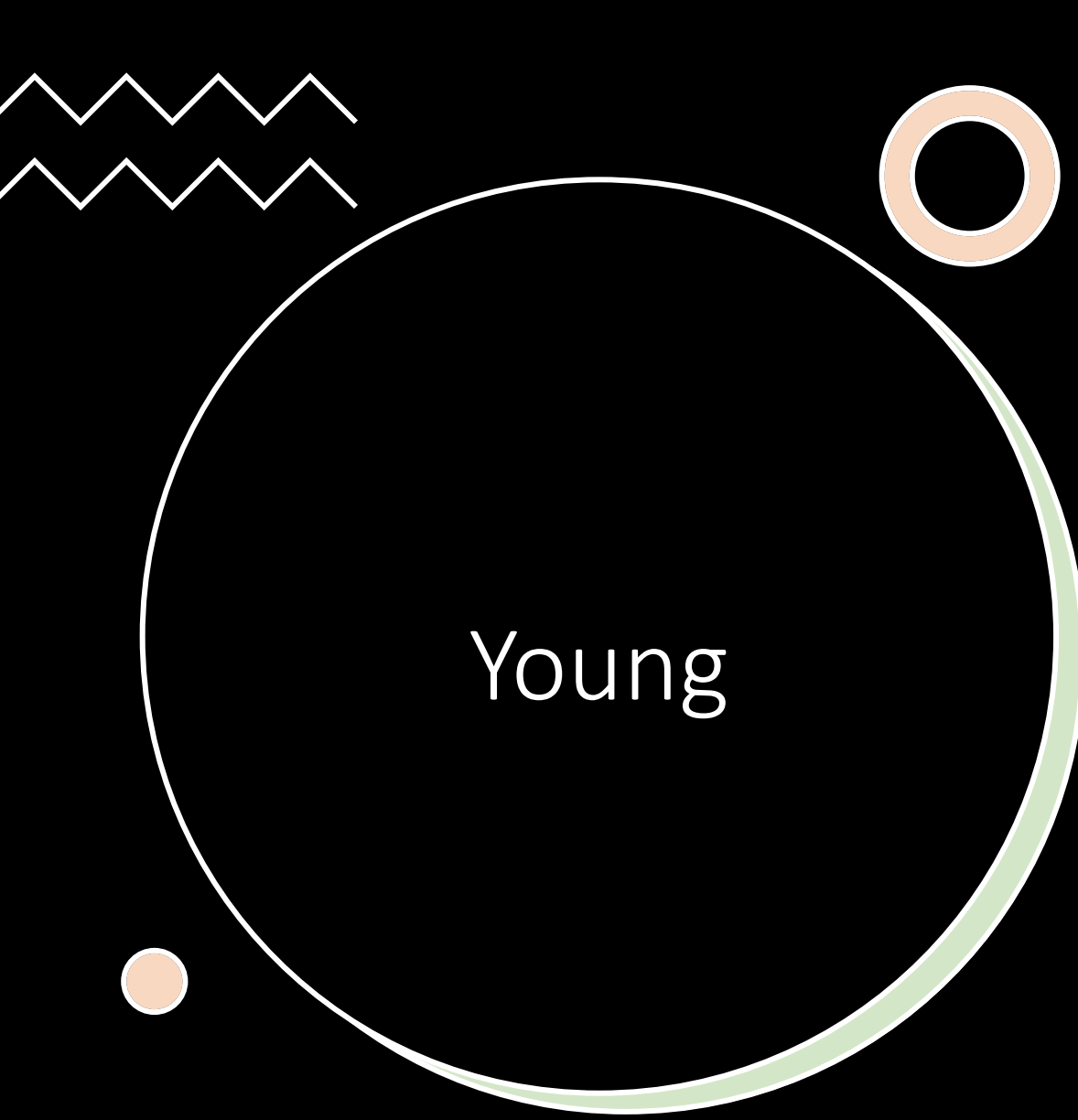
Thinking beyond dichotomies (Ellison) vs. Simplifying Teaching
Learning Target: To give insight as well as practical information
to facilitate your teaching practice journey.



Young

- Listen to Hegel:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5JGE3lhuNo&t=128s>
- Listen to people older than you
- The only thing getting in the way of your dreams is yourself
- Find the day-to-day celebrations
- Shoot for the moon and you might end up on a sweet cloud





Young

Teaching with Colleagues

- Assistant band director syndrome
- Being helpful goes both ways
- The best teachers in the world are self-reflexive
- Treat people right
- Apologize/What can we do to make it better?
- Be yourself
- Bingo cards for peoples' isms- what would yours be?



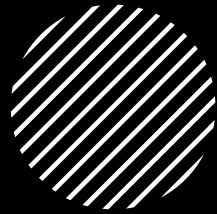
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

RULES, SYLLABUS, SCHOOL PROCEDURES *DUH!
ACTIVITY from Theater of the Oppressed





Inexperienced

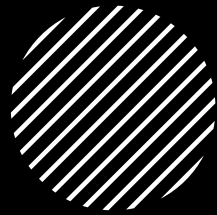


- Assume it's you
- Beyond reproach
- Expect it don't react to it.
- Does anyone enjoy being corrected?
- Change it!
- the things we don't know about ourselves will continue to surprise us the rest of our lives.
- Know your students' instruments
- Notice your surroundings
- Deciphering failures out of your control
- Conducting vs Dancing





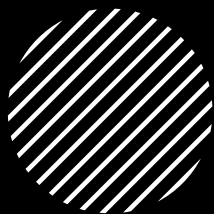
Without
sufficient
experience



- What did your parents think about the concert?
- Don't explain rules to a new board game
- PrinciPALs
- The Student Body
- Popular music vs. art music
- Self-care
- Private lesson teachers and railroad tracks
- Be yourself



Developing
through
experience



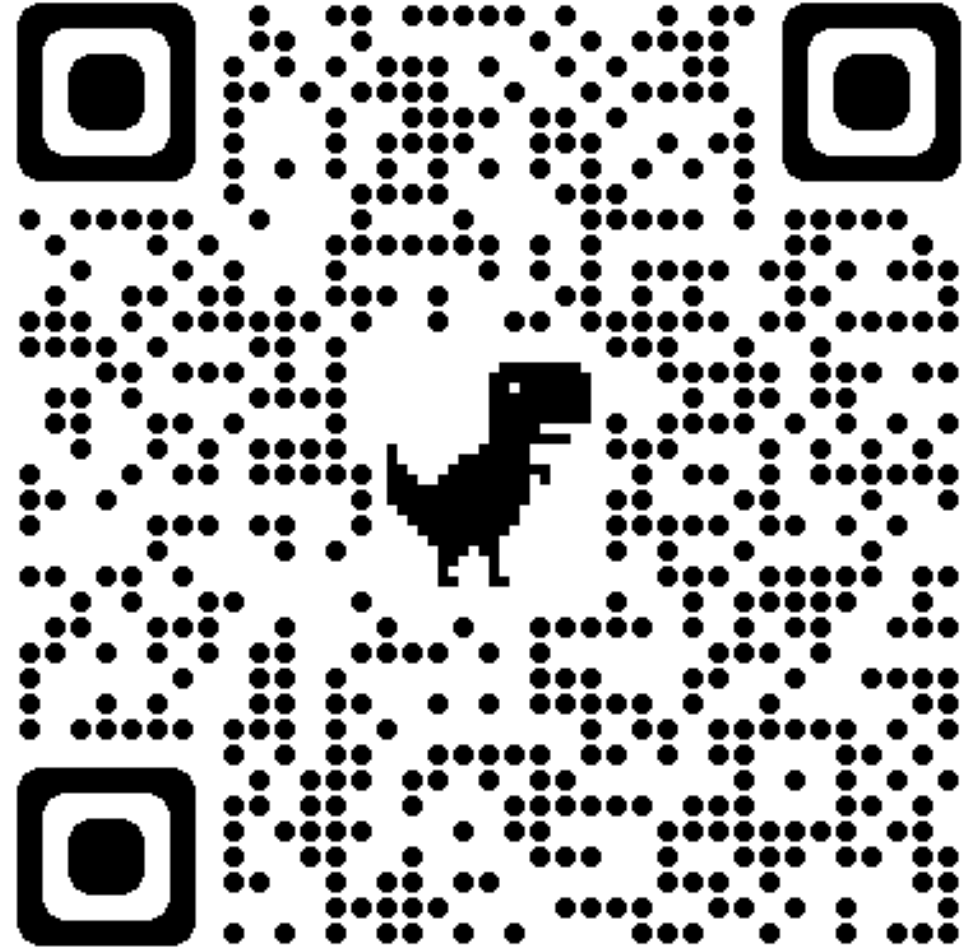
Our medium is based on the
phenomena of time

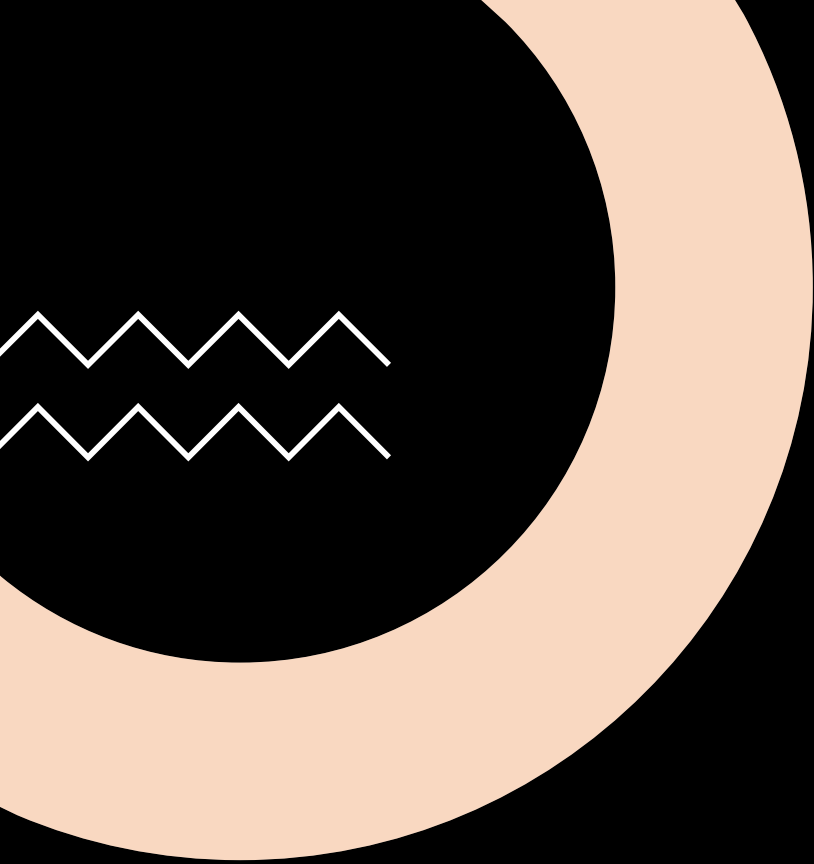
- Two types of mistakes
- Judgement
- Controversial spoiler alert
- Path to Grace
- The 5-year job
- Learning doesn't end
- Wokeness is not off/on switch

Pop Quiz!

Rank the following in importance to being a great teacher:

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- Rapport with students
 - Rapport with adults (parents/faculty)
 - Content knowledge
 - Musicality
 - Organization
 - Work ethic
- Discussion of results: what is the correct answer to this query?





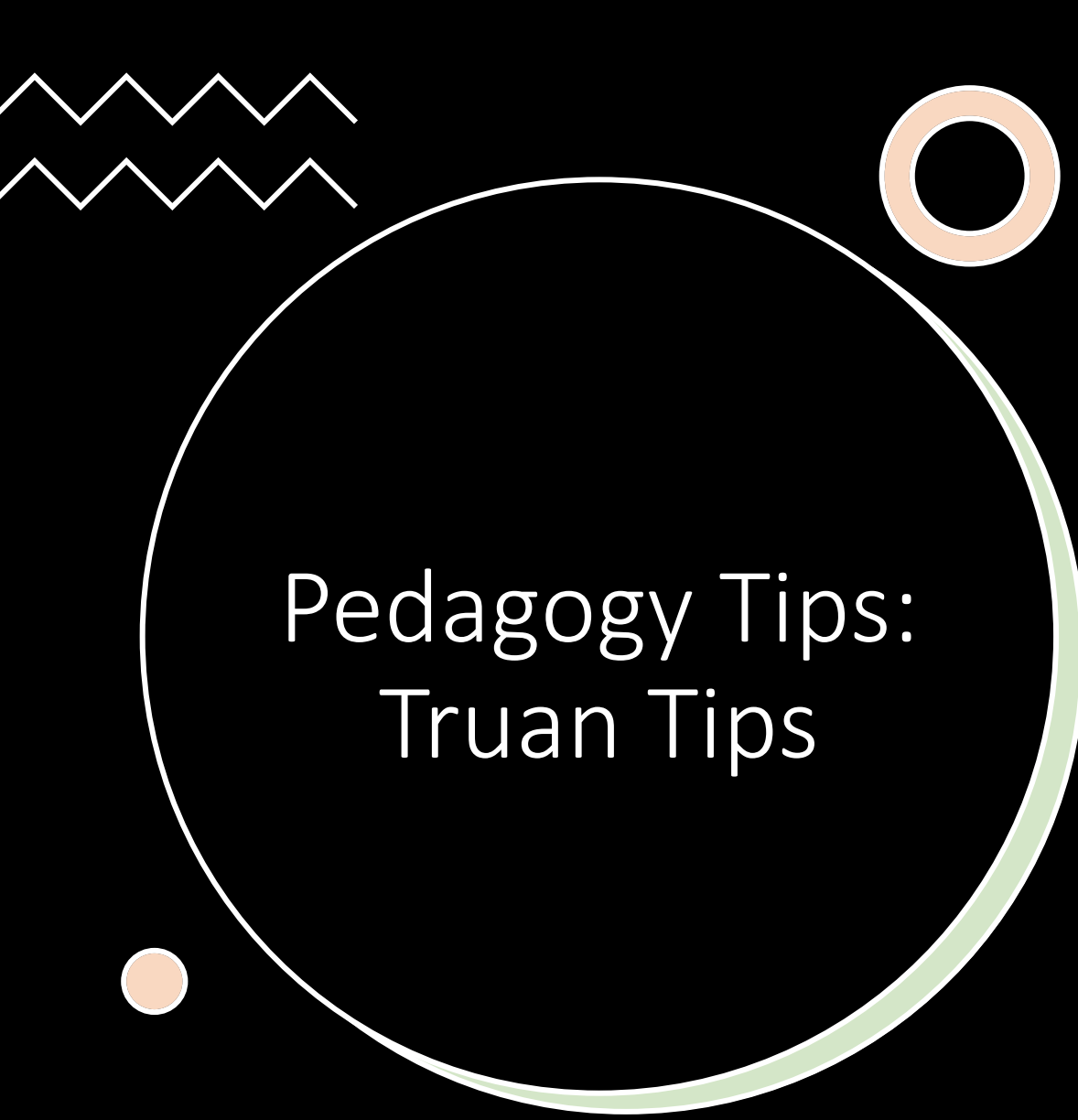
Broke

- Tax write offs
- Repayment plans - public service forgiveness 10 year, 20 year forgiveness.
- Title I schools
- Know the ballots
- Make room for savings
- Pay increases
- Private lesson protocols



Pedagogical Strategies

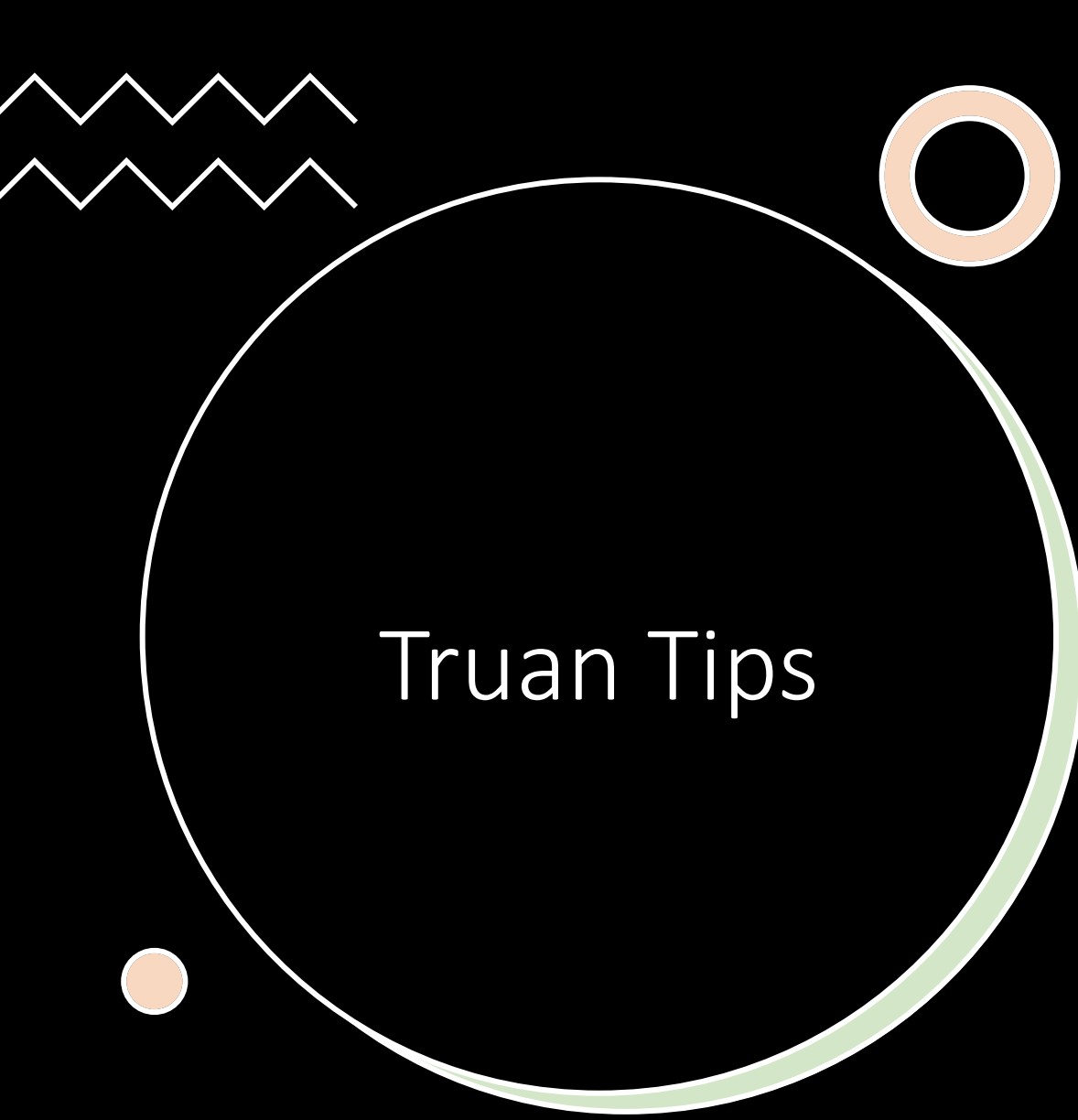




Pedagogy Tips: Truan Tips

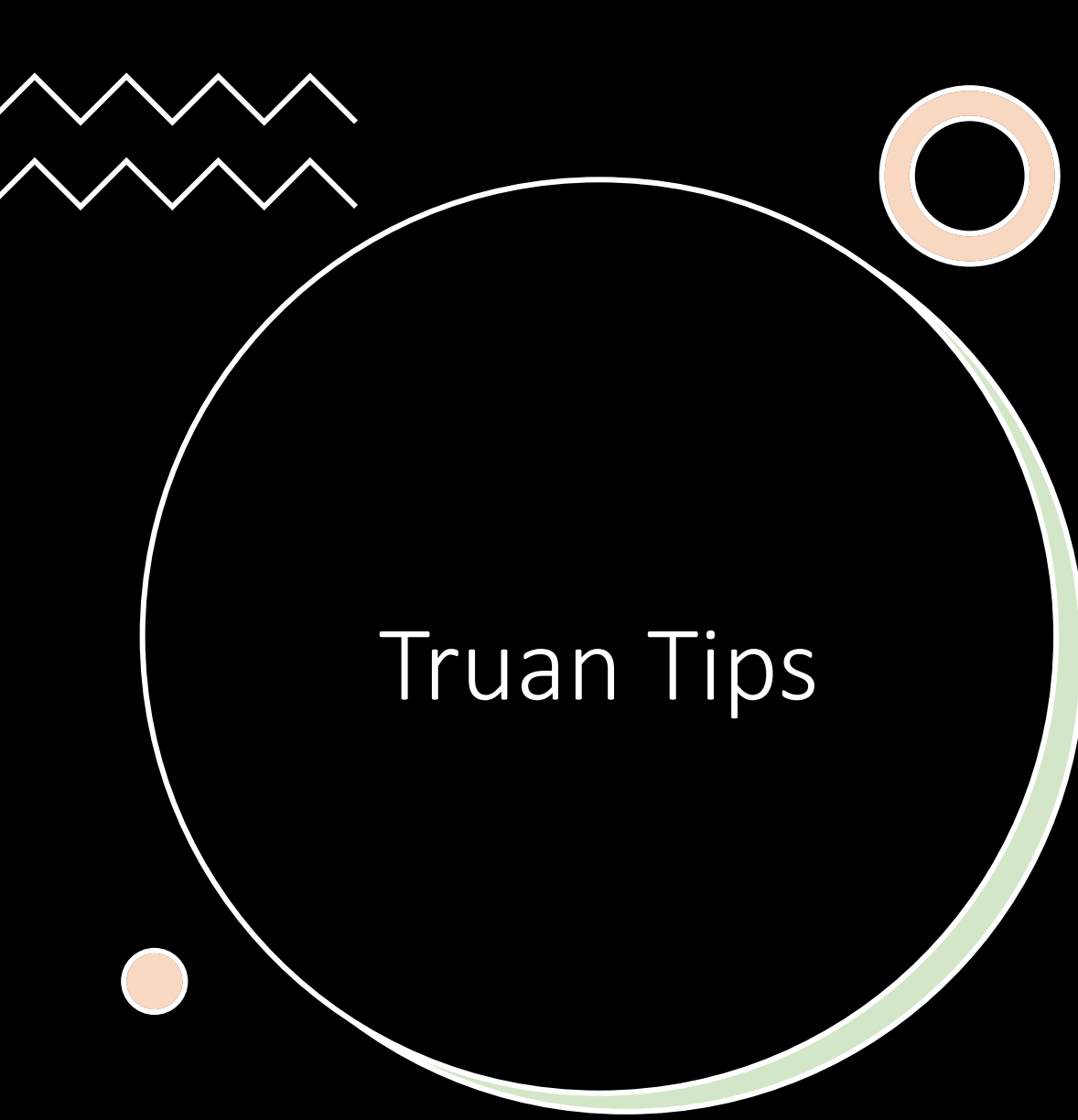
- “Everyone music vote”
- Whittle down to 3 choices
- Simultaneous feedback vs close your eyes
- Bring in an expert - new ears
- Clap on 4 instead of clapping
- Approach sound in apples and oranges
- Change up Sousa Marches to fit your ensemble
- Timpani resonance class
- The gong likes it resonance rating
- If you’re smart your dumb (marking your music)





Truan Tips

- Shaking hands at the front of the door: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4290532/#:~:text=Oxytocin%20is%20released%20in%20response,stroking%2C%20warm%20temperature%2C%20etc>
 - Percussion: Rhythm of the week
 - Classroom management strategies
 - Cut possibilities in half
 - Switching structures = loss time
 - Gradual vs snappy - physical motion and note shape.
 - “Click save” reinforcement strategy
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Truan Tips

- What are other people doing while you work with someone?
 - “Ratio of brain use: total use throughout the day”
 - Teaching to the bottom, the middle, or the top
 - Never rote teach? But it’s a multicultural example of learning
 - Dalcroze methods get the blood flowing
 - I LOVE TO SING!
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The Golden Rules of Teaching Music

- There's no good or bad only better
- The ensemble is better when the individual is better
- Everyone is a reflection pool
- You can't make an ice sculpture without ice
- Don't be the common denominator
- Make can't a 3 letter word.....and it's not cats.
- People hear different things: more than one way to skin a cat 😊
- Don't praise the expectation
- A raindrop creates a ripple that the lake needs to replenish itself



Golden Rules cont.

- Everyone has powers: make sure you're using your powers for good and not evil.
- The best musicians are always the kindest, because they know how good they actually are.
- Most often, the seeds we plant won't bloom during our time.



Golden Rules cont.



- People who lack imagination can't imagine what's lacking
- Everything is your fault
- We don't practice to play it right; we practice to never play it wrong.
- If you take a big bite of the cake, don't complain about the belly ache
- Never cut just one student



**Teach
with the
end in
mind**

