

Authentic Assessment: Features and Design

Enhancing Effective Teaching Series

What is Authentic Assessment?

- ★ Evaluation based on realistic/real tasks.
- ★ It requires students to apply the knowledge and skills they have learned to solve real-life problems.

Why Do We Use Authentic Assessment?



- Attract students' interest.
- Develop higher-order thinking skills.
- Enhancing critical and creative thinking.
- Preparing for the labor market.

Authentic Assessment Design Steps



Examples of Authentic Assessment

- **Literature:** Critique a work of art by writing a blog post rather than an essay.
- **Law:** Solve a complex legal case through a scenario-based activity.
- **Engineering, Health, Management:** A report on a real-life problem in the student's field of interest explaining its causes and how to overcome it (e.g. virus spread, buildings cracking, law production).

When applying in a real-life setting is not possible or desirable, simulation can be employed where technologies are used to design virtual learning environments based on scenarios that simulate conditions, characters and factors similar to a real-life context.



Designing, Implementing and Evaluating Online Authentic Assessments, <https://ecampusontario.pressbooks.pub/rethinkingassessment/chapter/designing-implementing-and-evaluating-online-authentic-assessments/>



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