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EXAMPLE OF SURFACE, DEEP, AND TRANSFER STRATEGIES IN GEOGRAPHY

Phase of Learning	Example Instructional Strategies
Surface level learning of the terms: natural resources, power, scarcity	 Vocabulary instruction of <i>natural resources</i> Wide reading about natural resources Summarizing understanding of natural resources Repeating above strategies with the terms of <i>power</i> and <i>scarcity</i>
Surface level learning of primary and secondary source analysis	 Repeating above strategies with the terms of <i>power</i> and <i>scarcity</i> Teacher modeling source analysis using IREAD strategy (Monte-Sano et al., 2014) Teacher providing feedback on source analysis Jigsaw strategy with sources on the Nile river
Deep level learning about power, resources, and scarcity on the Nile as well as source analysis	 Completing graphic organizers about power, resources, and scarcity on the Nile River Close reading of differing opinion articles about the situation on the Nile River Engaging in a class discussion to generalize about the relationships between and among these concepts Thinking metacognitively about their understanding of the relationship
Transfer level of learning about power, resources, and scarcity as well as source analysis to new situations	 Students compare similarities and differences between the Nile river situations and another situation where resources, scarcity, and power play a role, such as the Tigris river that flows through Turkey and Iraq. Students debate about the role of international groups where resources become scarce Students compose an essay about an international conflict among scarce resources and make recommendations about solving the problem

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