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Philosophy of Teaching

I find myself mixing philosophies of mostly realism, pragmatism, and existentialism. I seem to use mostly realism where the emphasis lies in the real world. I feel that art has to come from life and should connect us to one another. Our experiences are not separate from art, rather they are what drives us to make art. Utilizing the philosophy of pragmatism and the idea that our knowledge and ideas of truth are gained through experiences come in, I feel that realism and pragmatism are somewhat inseparable in this sense. I do not necessarily subscribe to the realist idea that mastery of factual information is very important, but rather I think that awareness and proficiency enable the student to utilize the knowledge and skill to their own means is most important. I feel students should be encouraged to pursue in depth knowledge as needed and that forcing unnecessary knowledge for the sake of satisfying standards becomes problematic as well as impractical.