

Experiential Education

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John Dewey (1859-1952)

- ◆ Born in 1859 in Burlington, Vermont.
- ◆ Ph. D. at Johns Hopkins University in 1884
- ◆ University of Michigan
- ◆ In 1894 University of Chicago.
- ◆ In 1904 Columbia University.



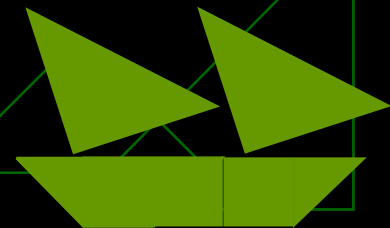
Pragmatism

- ◆ Naturalistic approach
- ◆ Knowledge arises from an active adaptation of the human organism to its environment
 - Not passive observation
 - Active manipulation and re-adaptation



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- ◆ Reaction to the authoritarian, strict, didactic, traditional education
 - Teacher's role is to “give” information
 - Concerned with delivering knowledge
 - Not concerned with understanding students' experiences



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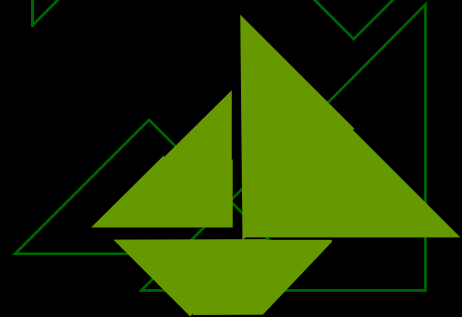
- ◆ An educator must take into account the unique differences between students
- ◆ Understand and value students' experiences
- ◆ Students are actively involved in the learning process
 - Going to the zoo for learning about animals



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◆ Education as experience building

- Continuity: humans are affected experience, each experience is stored and carried into the future.
- Interaction: past experiences interact with the present situation, every experience influences all potential future experiences.

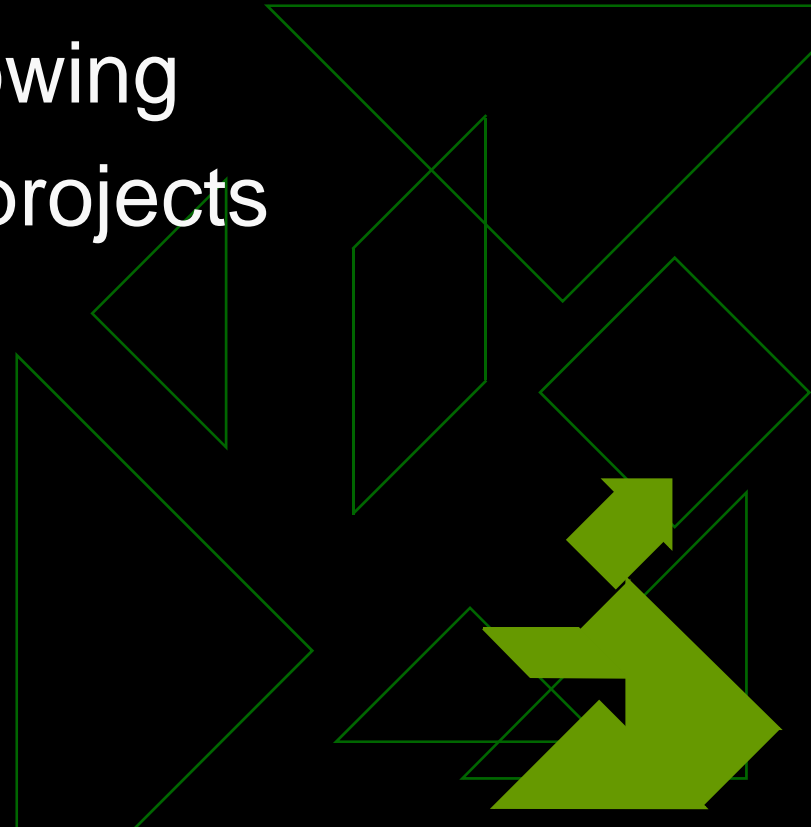


Experiential Education Benefits

- ◆ Varied modes of learning
- ◆ Benefits student career decision making
- ◆ Helps students enter their chosen profession upon graduation
- ◆ Through cooperative education programs, faculty and students are brought closer to their communities

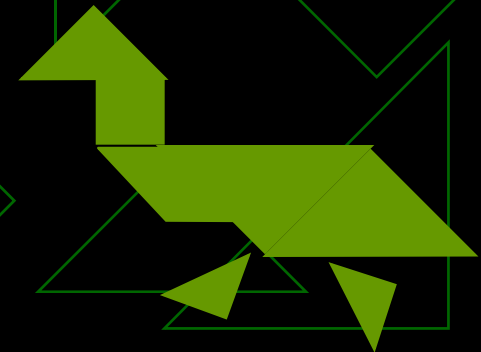
Experiential Education in ACTION

- ◆ Outdoor Education / Field Trips
- ◆ Service Learning
- ◆ Internships / Job shadowing
- ◆ Group-based learning projects
- ◆ Educational projects



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Thank You. Any questions?..