Memory Matrix

The Memory Matrix assesses students’ recall of important course content and their skill at quickly organizing that information into categories provided by the instructor. By using this technique, teachers can quickly see not only whether their students have memorized the basic information but also how well they have organized that information in their memories.

Table 1.1. A Sample Memory Matrix for Spanish Verb Endings.

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Table 1.2. A Memory Matrix for Major Artists and Styles.

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Table 1.3. A Memory Matrix for Biology: The Digestive System.

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