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FOCUS

Elevating the Essentials
To Radically Improve Student Learning

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FOCUS: ELEVATING THE ESSENTIALS

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READ, RELATE, REACT (3-5 MINUTES)

Henry David Thoreau wrote, “Our life is frittered away by detail. Simplify, simplify, simplify...”

- How does this relate to your life as an educator?

THE THREE ESSENTIALS (10-15 MINUTES)

01

Please read pages 10-12 of Schmoker's *Focus: Elevating the Essentials*.

02

As you read the text, take a few moments to review the document and mark the sentence, or the phrase, or the word that you think is particularly important for our work.

TEXT RENDERING PROTOCOL

(10-15
MINUTES)

- Each person shares a sentence, phrase, or word from the document that he/she thinks/feels is particularly significant.
- The group discusses what they heard and what it says about the document.
- The group shares the words that emerged and any new insights about the document.

DISCUSSION



JIGSAW ACTIVITY



- Group 1 – pages 12 - 14
- Group 2 – pages 14 (*Three Books That...*) – 18 (*Less is more.*)
- Group 3 – pages 18 (*Leaders must be...*) – 20 (*Like the other companies...*)
- Group 4 – pages 20 (*Simplicity, Clarity, and Priority...*) – 23 (*That is leadership.*)

JIGSAW ACTIVITY (15-20 MINUTES)

- Provide a summary of your assigned reading.
- Question: How are “the essentials” elevated?



GROUP PRESENTATION



REFLECTION

HOW CAN WE
IMPLEMENT THESE
ESSENTIALS IN OUR
SCHOOLS AND/OR
CLASSROOMS?



EXTENDED LEARNING

CHAPTER 2, 3,
AND YOUR
SUBJECT AREA
CHAPTER.



**ANY
QUESTIONS?**