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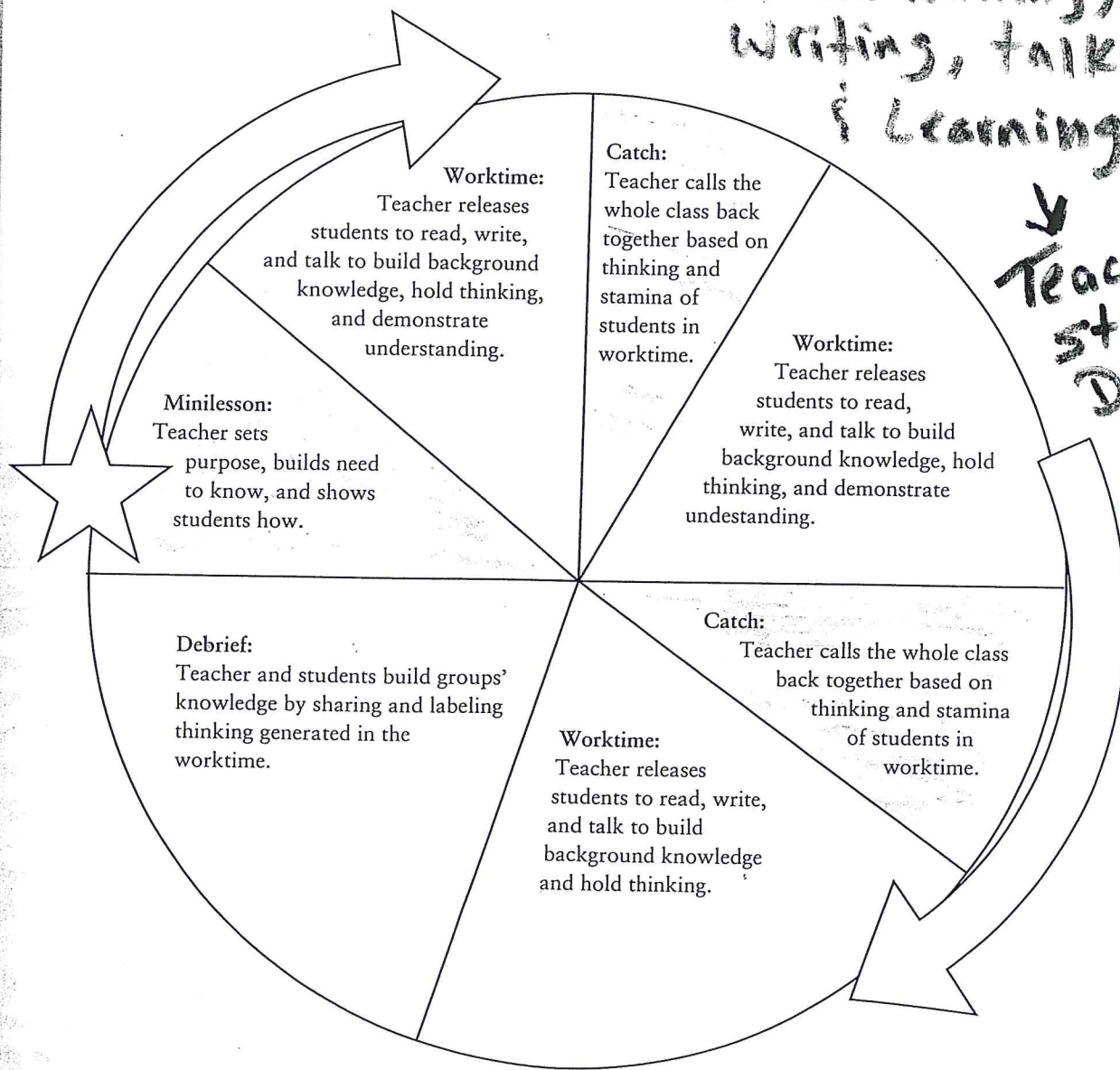
Why Workshop?

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Figure 1.3 Workshop as a Cycle of Catch and Release

Students Do most
of the reading,
writing, talking
& Learning.

Teacher
still
Directs



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Figure 1.1 Teaching as a Cycle

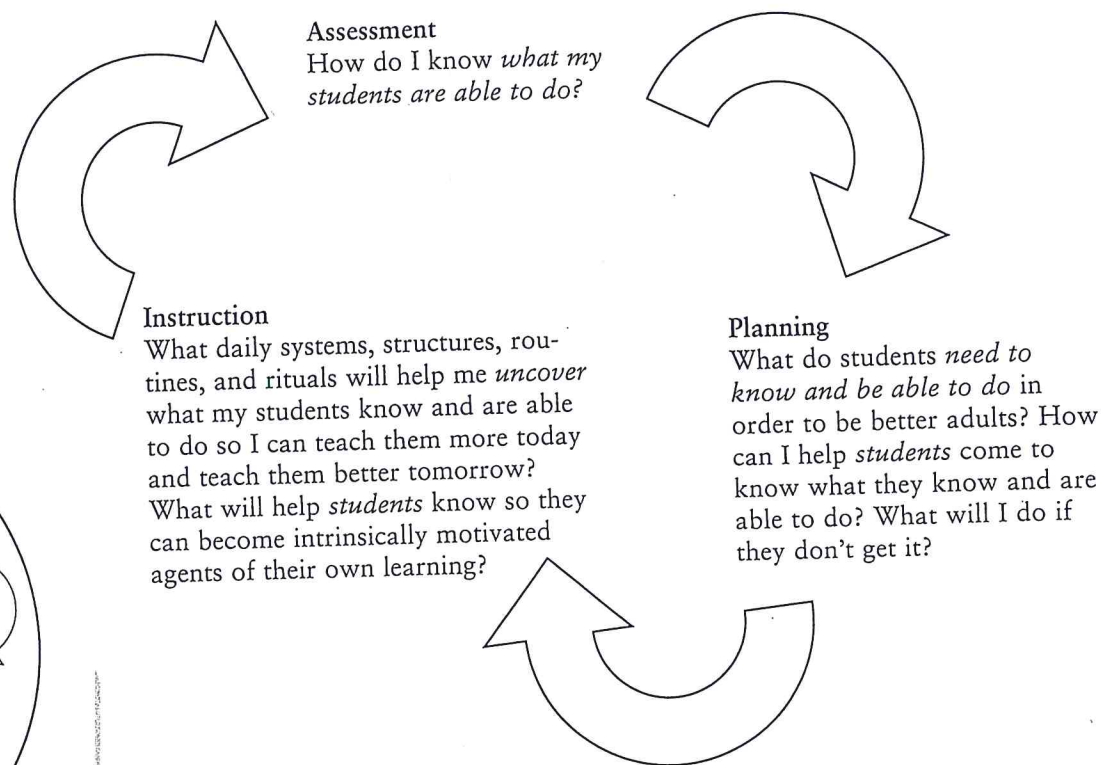
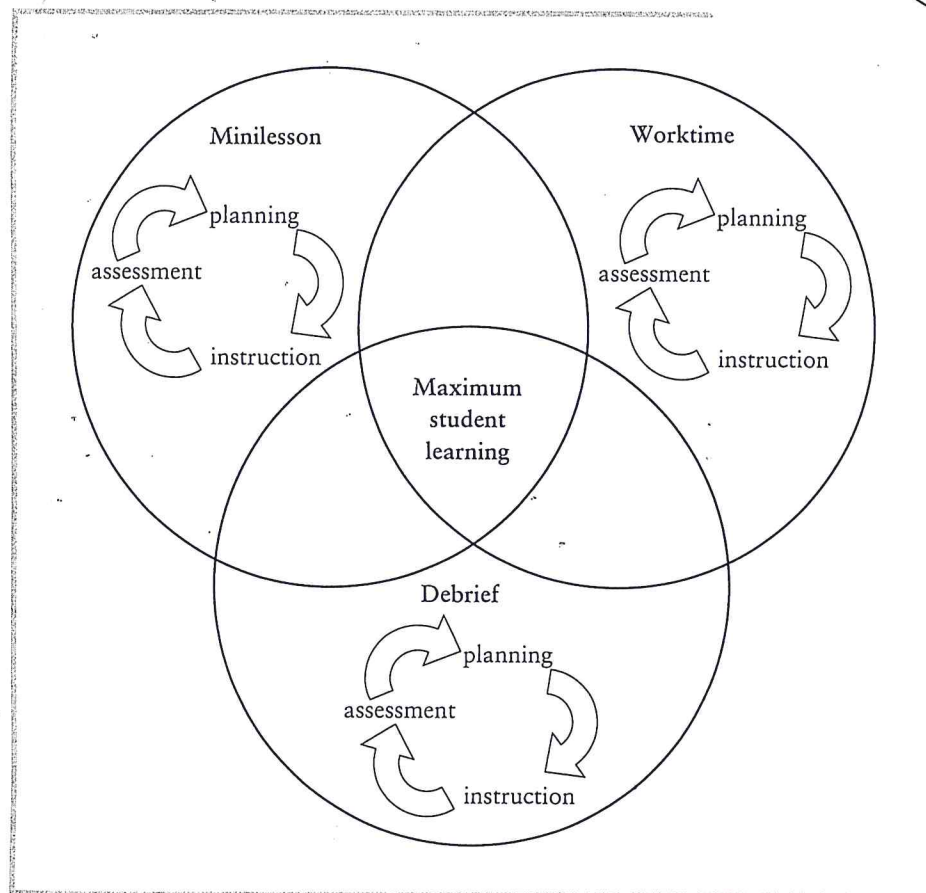
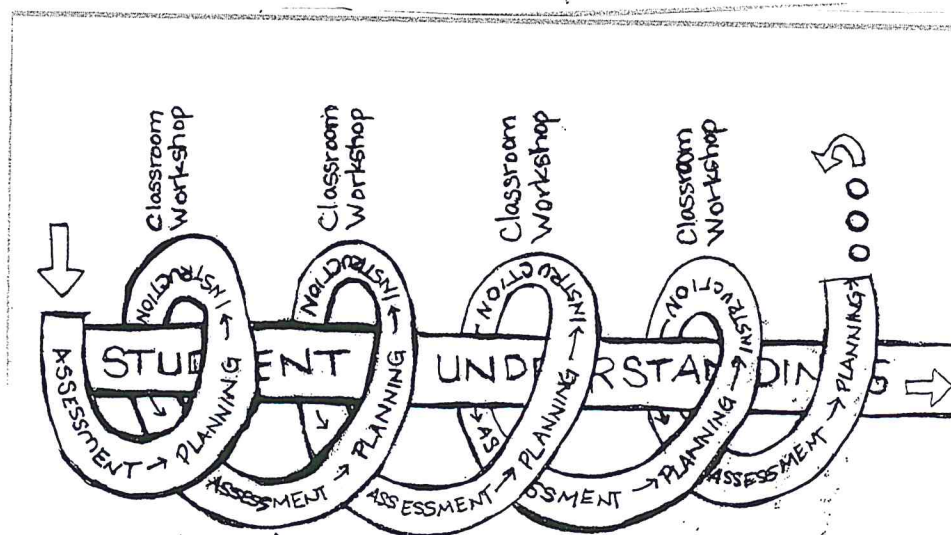


Figure 1.5 Workshop as a System



One of the misconceptions of workshop is that teachers have only fifteen minutes in the minilesson to teach. Teachers don't teach just in the minilesson part of a workshop. As teaching consists of assessing, and instruction, teachers teach the whole way through:



Workshop is a routine that becomes a natural part of classroom operations.

WHO DOES WHAT WHEN IN A MINDS-ON MATH WORKSHOP?

| | Teacher | Student |
|------------------------|---|--|
| Opening | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Welcomes learners ♦ Sets purpose ♦ Challenges students to start thinking | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Settles into class ♦ Starts thinking by solving a problem or responding to a prompt |
| Minilesson | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Activates background knowledge ♦ Models thinking ♦ Demonstrates use of tools ♦ Models math content ♦ Sets expectations for work time | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Listens, watches, takes notes ♦ Asks clarifying questions ♦ Practices thinking alongside teacher |
| Work Time | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Confers with students ♦ Supports small groups as needed ♦ Assesses students' understanding | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Applies learning from minilesson to math learning experience ♦ Engages in mathematical problem solving ♦ Collaborates with peers in ways that promote thinking and understanding ♦ Documents thinking |
| Sharing and Reflection | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Facilitates students' sharing ♦ Connects students' learning to larger purpose of the lesson ♦ Acknowledges students' progress and effort ♦ Describes next steps in the learning sequence | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Shares thinking ♦ Asks questions ♦ Synthesizes ♦ Monitors how thinking has grown or changed |

Minds on
Mathematics

Wendy Hoffer

| | Typical Approximation | Minds-on Math Workshop |
|------------|---|---|
| Opening | Students do a problem designed to get them seated and quiet while teacher takes attendance. | Learners work on a problem designed to draw out their prior knowledge related to the day's learning goal(s). |
| Minilesson | Teacher gives instructions and shows students how to do their work. | Teacher states the purpose for their work, models thinking, welcomes multiple strategies. |
| Work Time | Students work on problem sets while teacher helps. | Students engage with challenging tasks while teacher confers. |
| Reflection | Teacher verifies that students "get it." | Students discuss what they understand about the concept and how their thinking as mathematicians has changed. |

Workshop = Deeper
Engagement

From: Science as Thinking

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| | What does the teacher do? | What do the students do? |
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| Before | | |
| Purpose | Clearly explains the big idea and the learning goal of the work. | Understand what they are supposed to be learning, and how this topic relates to the broader field of science. |
| Engage | Piques student interest and investment in the topic. | Understand why the topic is meaningful to them; activate their own background knowledge. |
| Scaffold | Breaks task down into manageable steps, provides instruction around each step, and assesses students' progress before encouraging them to embark on the next segment of the project. | Understand the steps required to complete the project; recognize what the teacher expects at each stage before allowing students to move on. |
| Model | Demonstrates the thinking involved in completing the task at hand successfully. | Observe and hear how the teacher thought through a related task. |
| During | | |
| Confer | Uses work time to connect instructionally with as many students as possible. | Work independently; enjoy opportunities to talk one-on-one or in small groups with teacher to share what they understand and receive assistance in areas of confusion. |
| After | | |
| Reflect | Asks students to be metacognitive about the meaning of the work they are doing in class. | Have frequent opportunities to stop and think about their new learning, and to put it into the context of their background knowledge and lives. |
| Assess | Creates opportunities throughout as well as at the conclusion of the project for students to give and receive feedback. | Receive specific feedback from peers and teacher about their thinking and products. |

FIG. 3.4 Workshop Overview