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Liminal Librarianship: Transgressing the Threshold

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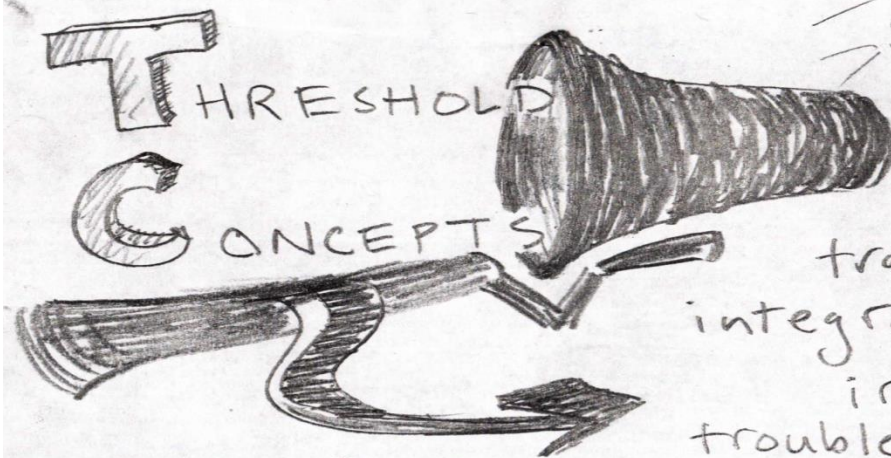
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Arnold van Gennep : Rites of Passage

Ray Rappaport : Ecology, Meaning, and Religion

Gaps in students' understanding
are BEST ADDRESSED by
threshold concepts.

ACRL
Draft
Framework



• Shift in understanding
on theoretical
level

transformative!
integrative!
irreversible!
troublesome!
bounded!?

• Jan Meyer and
Ray Land :

Threshold Concepts and troublesome Knowledge ...

• Lori Townsend, Korey Brunetti, Amy R Hofer
2011 ★ "Threshold concepts and information literacy"
2012 ★ " : Investigating threshold concepts for
information literacy instruction

Foundational Assumptions ...

about : • Librarians' perspectives on students' cognitive maps

• flat? or?

"The data collected [in the 2012 study] confirmed the ubiquity of the trouble spots that sparked our original [TCs] ...

of the **Ontological Kind** :

• TC "identification" → interpretative process
OR
mining expedition

(cf. Utah State University study)

2013 Holliday and Rogers

- 59 librarians
- No research
- Anecdotes?



Teleological
Interference

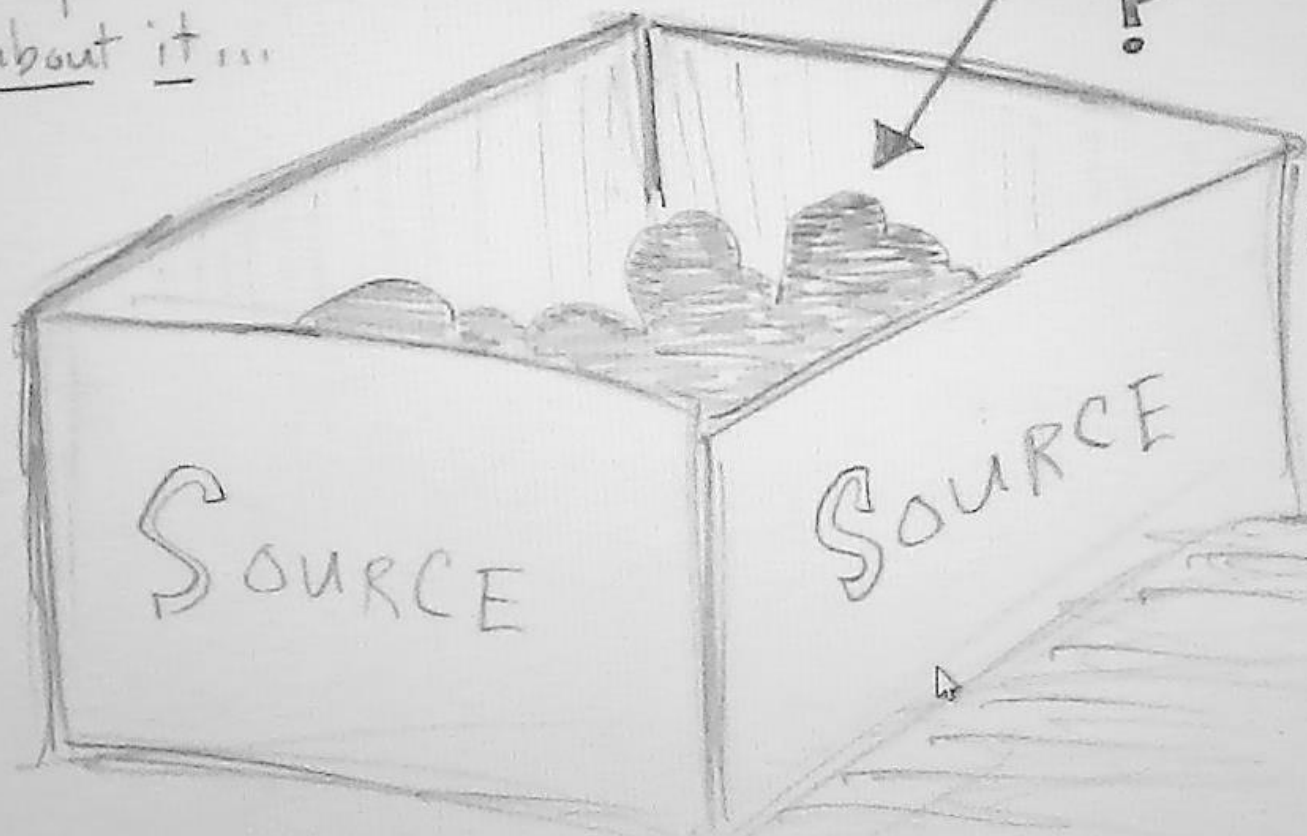


SEGUE:

The framework is based on concepts about the information ecosystem; practices for increasing expertise within it; particular ways of thinking about it...

} from the Framework

TC #6: Information "producers" "consumers" as commodity Information ? !



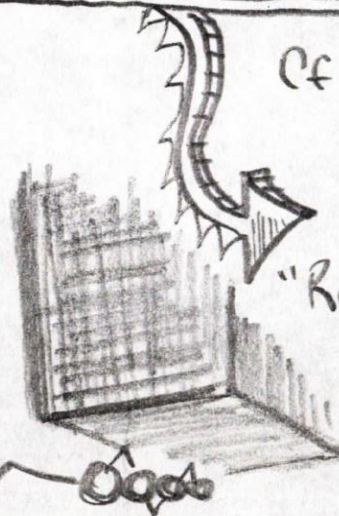
Models have creative potential

ACRL Draft Framework :

"threshold concepts"

- Scholarship is a Conversation
- Research as ~~process~~ inquiry
- Format as process

Metonymy: ^{comparison} within domain



Cf. Javier
Herrero
Ruiz

"Role of
metonymy
in
complex
tropes"

<http://acrl.ala.org/ilstandards/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Framework-for-IL-for-HE-Draft-1-Part-1.pdf>

The very systematicity that allows us to comprehend one aspect of a concept in terms of another... will necessarily hide other aspects of the concept...

-Lakoff + Johnson - Metaphors we Live By (p.10)

METHOD.

again: IMMANENT
OR
CONTINGENT

- Andrew Large - search bar
- Ramsay - hermeneutics

Every methodological rule* is associated with cosmological assumptions, so that using the rule we take it for granted that our assumptions are correct...

Paul Feyerabend: Against Method

Problems:

- defining terms of any TCs
- adhering to these terms in foundational documents
- Pragmatics?

Stephen Ramsay: "The hermeneutics of screwing around"

"We often found that as we revisited Meyer and Land's position paper to test our ideas according to their... criteria, what had looked like a promising TC wasn't."

canonicity!