Active Learning Technique Description/Components

I use activities where students teach tutors from TutorMe about the concepts they have learned in class. The students write reflections based on the feedback that the tutors give them.

Teaching the Tutor

Reflection

Active Learning Technique Steps

1. Provide scaffolded notes to students which correspond to material in the course (e.g., lecture or reading).
2. The student uses the notes as a basis to teach a TutorMe tutor the concepts.
3. The students teach the material from the notes to a tutor on TutorMe.
4. The tutor provides feedback using a rubric which is provided to them and any additional feedback they feel is appropriate.
5. The student writes a reflection answering questions like "What material did you feel most confident teaching?", "What feedback did your tutor provide?"
6. The student submits their scaffolded notes (including any edits based on tutor feedback) along with a written reflection.

Benefit to Student

1. Students have opportunities for spaced retrieval to help them retain information.
2. When students teach, it forces them to see the gaps in their learning.
3. Learning gaps are filled by qualified tutors that provided timely feedback.
4. This technique gives students personal attention in classes where there is a high student-to-faculty ratio.

Information Retention

Personal Attention

Feedback

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