

# Integrating Ethics into the classroom.

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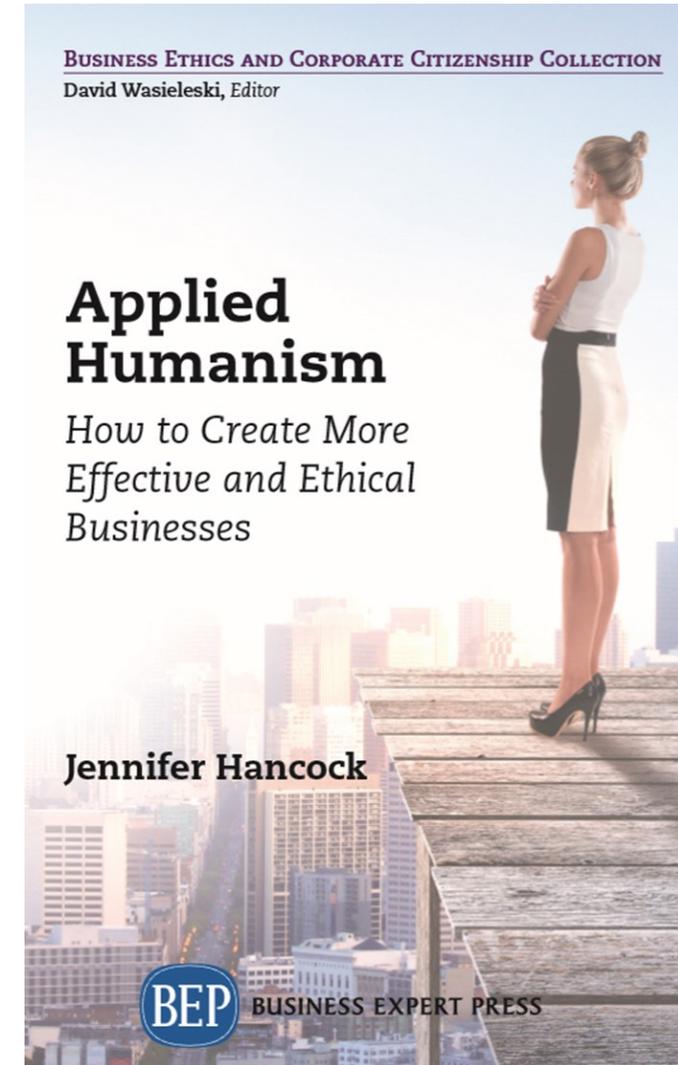


# Important Caveat

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I teach online personal and professional development.

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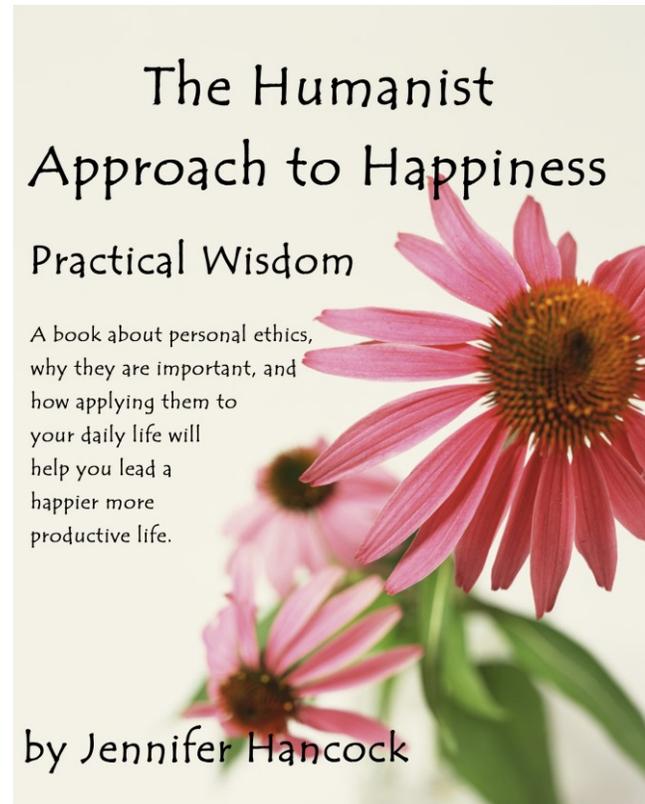


# Technique 1: Witnessing

Core Value: Freedom of Belief

Goal: Share and invite comparison

- Witnessing – this is how I think
- Proselytizing – this is how YOU should think.





# Technique 2: Socratic Questioning

Core Value: Critical Thinking  
Goal – encourage thinking

- Ask questions about what is good or bad and encourage discussion.
  - Don't lead – let them think through the problem for themselves
  - Let them define “good” for themselves

**HOW TO WIN ARGUMENTS  
WITHOUT ARGUING**  
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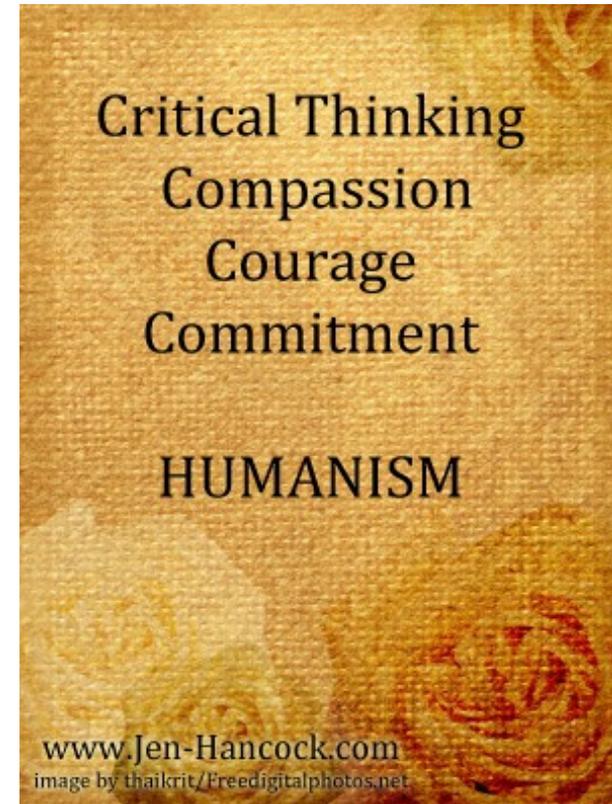
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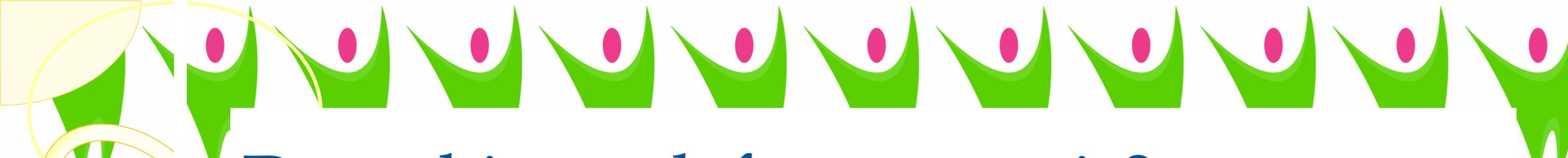


## Technique 3: Encourage Compassion

Core Values: Compassion & Dignity  
Goal: Individual Growth & Learning

- Model Dignity
- Concern for Wellbeing
- OK to disagree
- Plant seeds





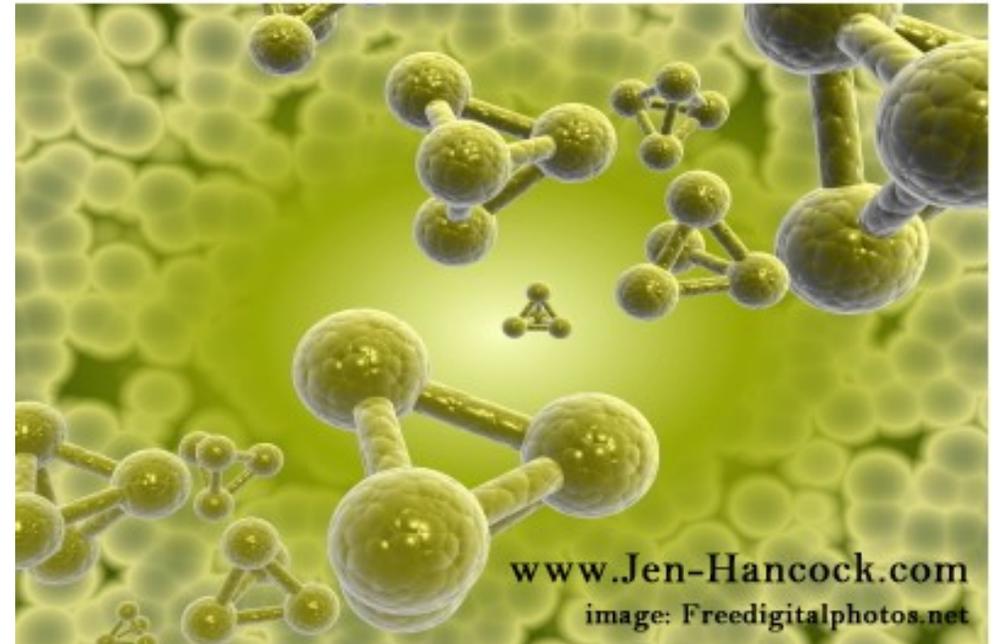
# Does this work for any topic?

How do you do this – in a chemistry class for example?

- Why were these things researched in the first place? What problems were they trying to solve? - History
- What was found? - Knowledge
- How are we using this information now to improve people's lives? – Compassion and Responsibility
- Result – Deep Learning.

Matter combined, against all odds and against its tendency towards entropy to create you! If that doesn't make you feel special, nothing will.

– Jennifer Hancock



# Resources:

- Humanistic Texts:  
<https://www.humanistictexts.org>
- Lists of Values - from various Humanist groups (AHA, IHEU, BHA, religious texts, philosophy, etc.)
- Books:  
<https://humanistlearning.com/category/shop/>
- Videos:  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/Sumogirl1>

## How do you live your values?





“Humanism is a democratic and ethical life stance that affirms that human beings have the right and responsibility to give meaning and shape to their own lives. Humanism stands for the building of a more humane society through an ethics based on human and other natural values in a spirit of reason and free inquiry through human capabilities.”

– The Minimum Statement on Humanism, Humanists International



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# Questions - Thoughts

