Inquiry Approach versus Coverage Approach

INQUIRY Approach	COVERAGE Approach
Student voice and choice	Teacher selection and direction
Questions and concepts	Assigned topics and isolated facts
Collaborative work	Solitary work
Strategic thinking	Memorization
Authentic investigations	As if/surrogate learning
Student responsibility	Student compliance
Student as knowledge creator	Student as information receiver
Interaction and talk	Quiet and listening
Teacher as model and coach	Teacher as expert and presenter
Cross-disciplinary studies	One subject at a time
Multiple resources	Reliance on a textbook
Multimodal learning	Verbal sources only
Engaging in a discipline	Hearing about a discipline
Real purpose and audience	Extrinsic motivators
Caring and taking action	Forgetting and moving to next unit
Performance and self-assessments	Filling bubbles and blanks

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