ELICITING PRIOR KNOWLEDGE in remote/online settings
SUMMARY HANDOUT

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Illustrative examples:
(S=synchronous session or F2F; A=asynchronous online or regular homework)

A. Responding to an anonymous online survey (with no sharing of results) (A)
B. Taking an ungraded pre-test (A/S)
C. Writing an online "baseline" private journal (A)
D. Initial discussion board related to the content (A)
E. Participating in a synchronous electronic poll (w/ immediate sharing of results) (S)
F. Synchronous online discussion (possibly in breakout rooms) (S)
G. Sharing a memorable story/experience relevant to the topic (A/S)
H. Initial open-ended task requiring to use prior knowledge (A/S)

Key tips:
- Word your prompts carefully and keep them open-ended, so as to avoid "leading" questions
- Don't assign a grade, so students will feel "safer" in sharing what they do not know
- To spark interest in the topic, whenever possible elicit and show a diversity of responses
- To show learning/ growth, create and revisit records at the end of the unit/module

Key decisions to be made *(and related options to consider)***:**

WHEN:	**Level of PRIVACY**:	**RECORDS** created:
- ***Prior*** *to a task* - *At the* ***beginning*** *of a task (as part of the task itself)*	- ***Public*** *(shared with the class)* - ***Private*** *(shared only with instructor)* - ***Anonymous*** - ***Not shared***	- ***Individual*** - ***Collective*** *(class/ small group)* - ***None***

Useful online tools:
- Online assignment/journal feature *(private + individual) – any LMS*
- Online quiz/test *(private + individual) – any LMS*
- Online discussion board feature *(shared + individual) – any LMS, Padlet, Flipgrid*
- Online anonymous survey *(anonymous + collective) – most LMSs; Survey Monkeys*
- Synchronous electronic poll *(anonymous + collective) – Zoom; Poll-Everywhere*
- Synchronous session *(public +collective/none) – Zoom; Google Meet; Skype; etc.*

Reflective questions about specific implementations of this practice:
- *What did you do to elicit your students' prior knowledge?*
- *What decisions did you make (and why) about WHEN, PRIVACY, and RECORDS?*
- *What worked/didn't work and why?*
- *What may you want to do differently next time?*