

USING INQUIRY TO
EXPLORE THE
CURRICULUM

- Curriculum - planning and designing
- Pedagogy - teaching & learning

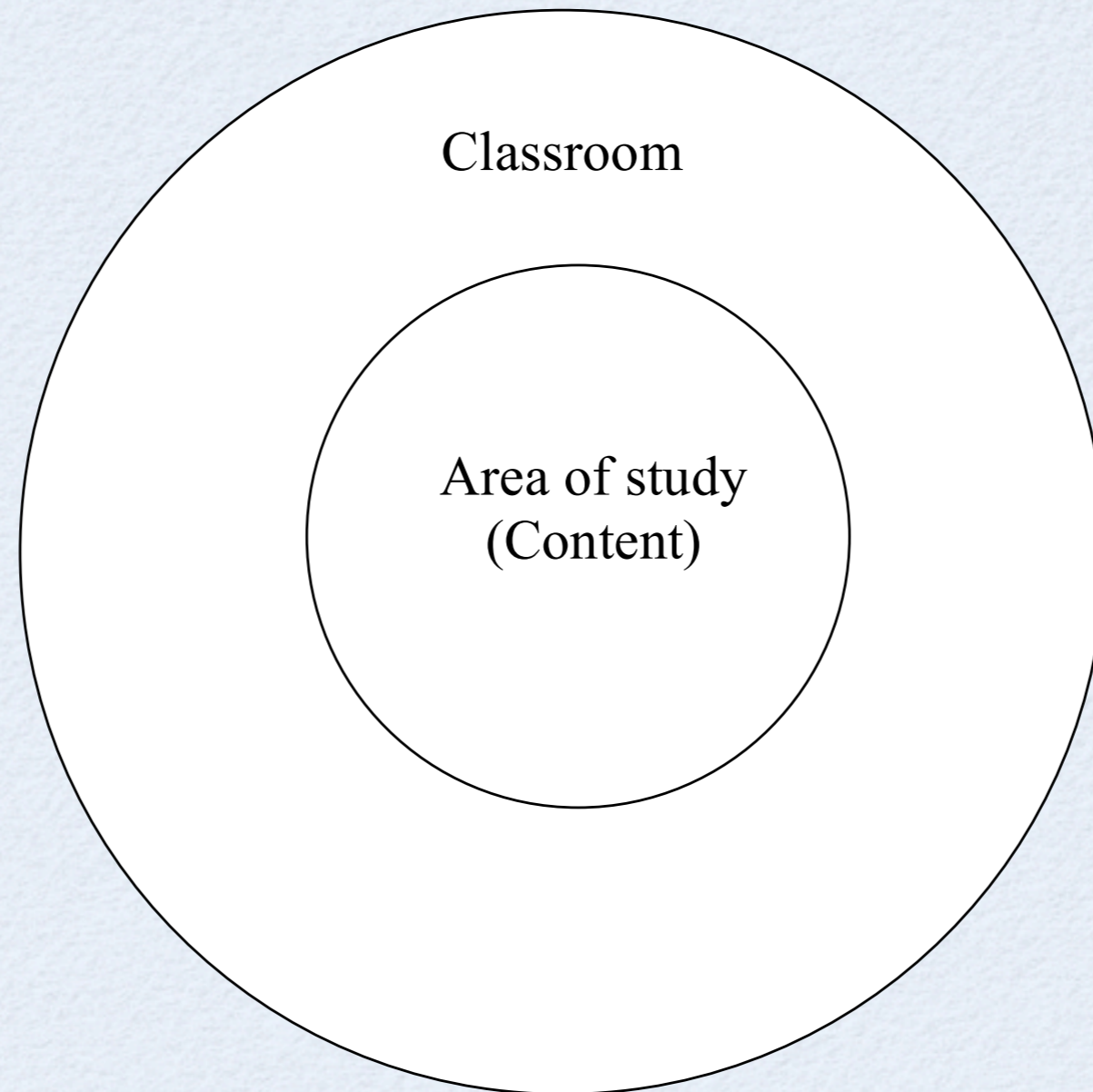
INQUIRY IS AN APPROACH WHERE:

- Learning is done in collaboration with the children.
- Opportunities are created for the children to ask questions and contribute ideas and content.
- Learning is a process of investigation where the children explore the curriculum, guided and supported by the teacher.
- Learning is planned around various inquiry questions.
- Opportunities are created for reflection and evaluation.

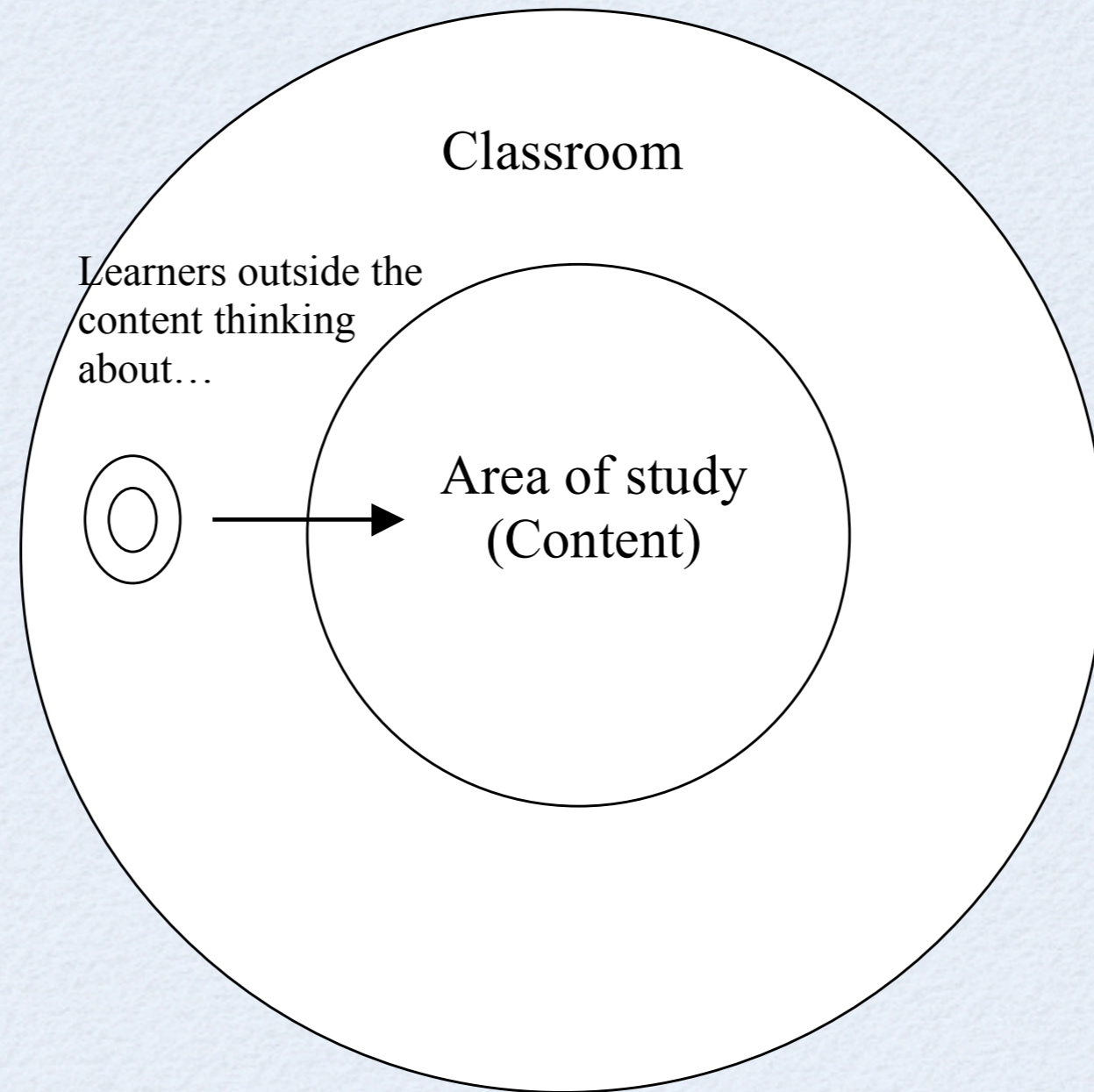
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- Inquiry
- Imaginative inquiry
- Dramatic inquiry

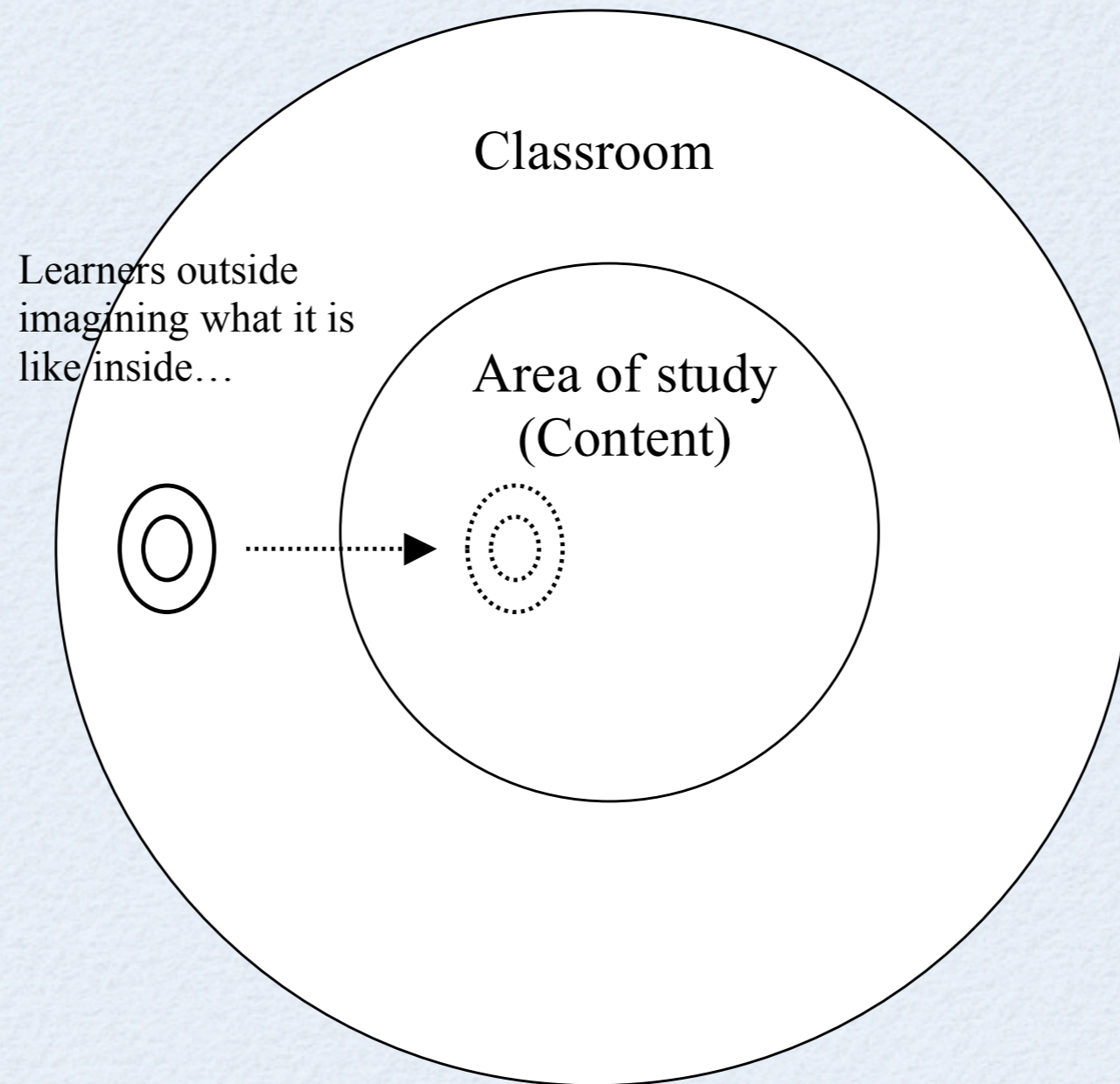
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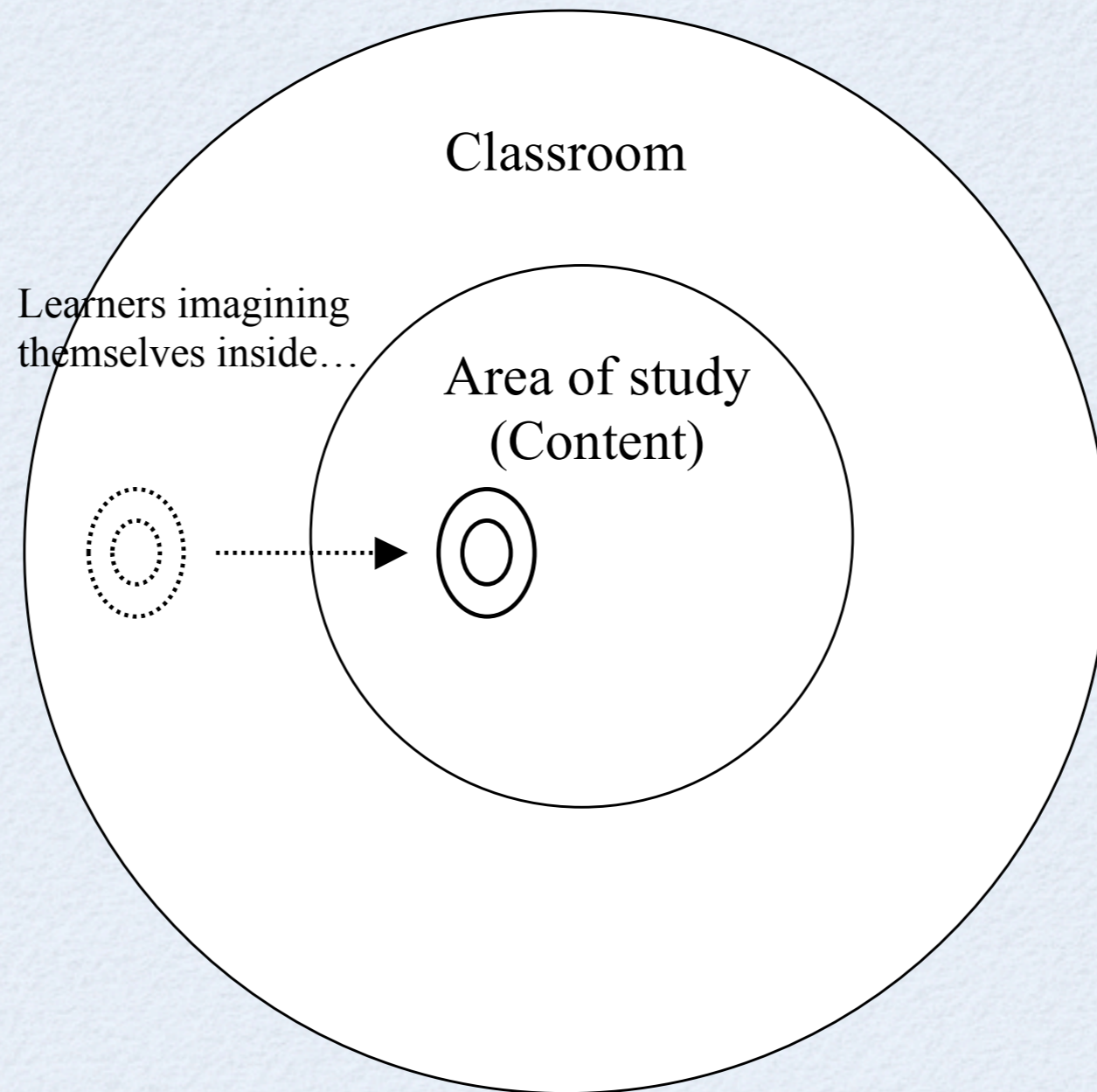
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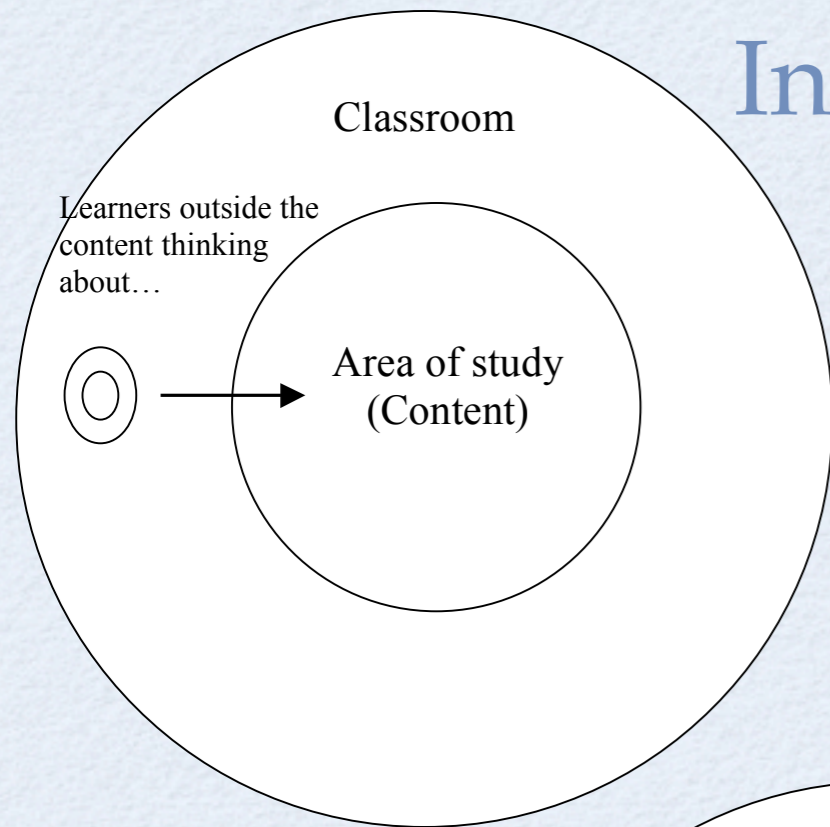


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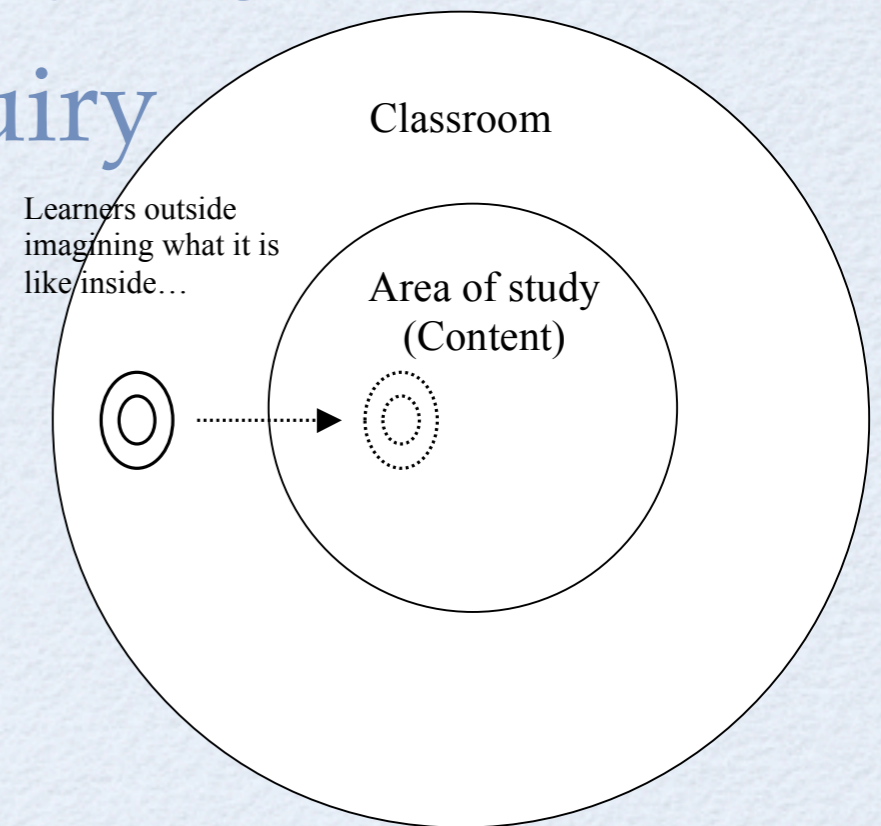


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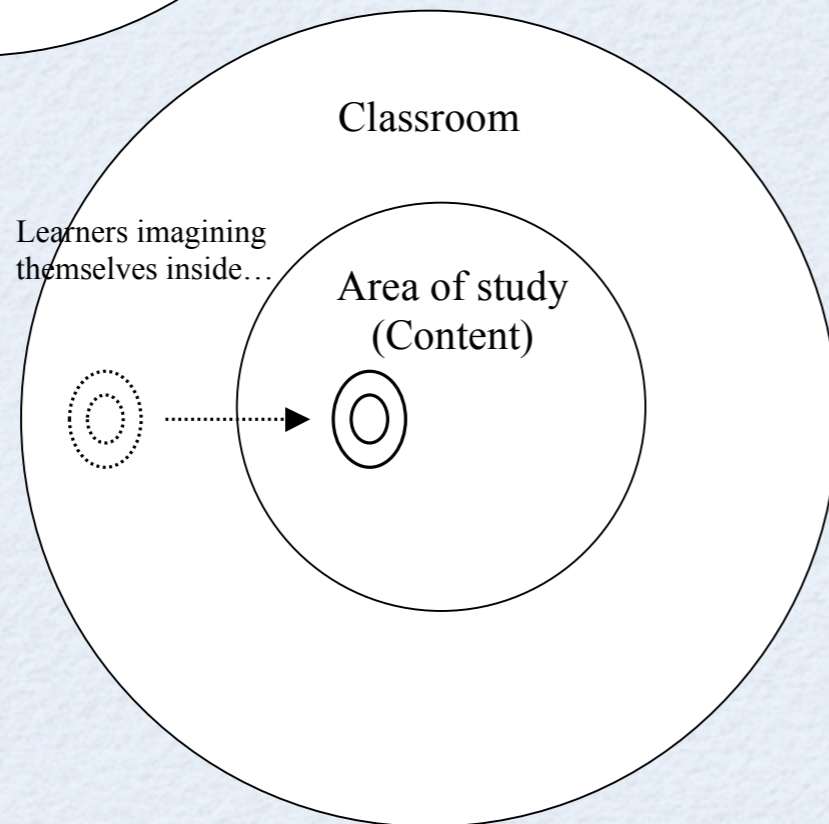
Inquiry



Imaginative inquiry



Learners imagining themselves inside...



Dramatic inquiry

AN EXAMPLE - FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

Take a look at this picture...

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- What do you notice?

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- What would you like to know?

IMAGINATIVE INQUIRY



Imagine what else is going on in the hospital - what sounds are there? What movements? What silences? What stillness?

DRAMATIC INQUIRY

Create the hospital on the day Florence arrived.
What would she notice? What would she want
to change? What would she do first?

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9. Think of the curriculum the children will explore while they are doing this work. Including the key skills, thinking skills and SEAL.

ANIMAL WILDLIFE PARK -

A wildlife park in a small village, caring for injured, sick and endangered animals. Need to open their doors to raise money as donations are drying up after the economic downturn. The park is owned by a former explorer and retired animal expert, who has seen the world change and it's wildlife threatened. The team are busy tending the animals when they receive an emergency call from two of their team on route with two lions airlifted from Africa - one with bullet wounds, the other with an infected bite...

FIRST TASK

"If you had a job where you cared for animals, what kind of animal would you be interested in looking after?"

WHAT IS THE INQUIRY ABOUT?

"What responsibilities do human beings have to preserving and protecting animals from injury, sickness and extinction?"