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Utilizing Jerome Bruner's Three Modes of Knowing to Teach the Voting Process

Bruner's Three Modes of Knowing

- 3. Symbolic
- 2. Iconic
- 1. Enactive

Enactive Level

- Action-based
- Learners encounter new information with authentic materials and individual actions on these objects

Iconic Level

- Representation of reality
- Representations of real objects when the actual objects or places cannot be directly experienced
- Learners construct concepts based on representations of reality

Symbolic Level

- Using abstract ideas, symbols, language, and logic
- Integrating good information books and children literature

Balance in Planning

- Younger learners need direct contact, real experiences, and visual representations.
- Older learners require concrete experiences but are increasingly able to obtain knowledge from abstract sources

- End

