

## Notes Page for Teaching for Understanding

### Generative Topics

- Topic is important to one or more disciplines
- Topic engages students
- Topic engages teachers
- Resources are accessible
- Topic is rich in connections

### Understanding Goals:

- Explicit statements or questions that are focused on understanding
- Goals are made public
- Goals are used actively in instruction

### Performances of Understanding

- Students engage actively
- Students engage thoughtfully
- Students think and act flexibly as context of use expands
- Students' thoughts and actions focus on the understanding goals

### Ongoing Assessment

- Checks understanding that students develop and demonstrate in performances
- Occurs frequently
- Carried out by teachers and students
- Uses both informal and formal formats
- Requires reflection and/or comparison to criteria