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## **SEATWORK 14- THOERIES OF LEARNING**

**Upload answers in the GC.(continuous assessment folder-week 14 seatwork)**

**SELECT 3 FROM THE LEARNING THOERIES WE DISCUSSED.**

### **A. BRIEFLY DEFINE 3THEORIES BASED ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING**

**Humanism:** Humanism focuses on individual development. Education should start with the individual and the choices should be made by the individual. In a humanistic classroom students feel comfortable to share each other's thoughts and feelings. Lessons and activities should take into consideration the whole student together with their intellect and feelings, not only one or the other.

**Constructivism:** Constructivism puts emphasis on developing personal meaning through hands-on, activity based learning and teaching. Teachers should create effective learning situations instead of lecturing in front of the class. Students should connect with the material through personal meaning. For a student to be successful in life critical thinking and the understanding of big ideas are important, not the mastery of facts and data.

**Behaviorism:** Behaviorism posits that one's behavior is determined by environmental factors. Thus the environment plays a vital role in how students behave in the classroom. For best effect the environment has to be organized, and reinforcement plays a crucial role. There are positive and negative reinforcers, and these determine whether a student will repeat an action or not.

### **B. GIVE AN EXAMPLE FOR EACH ON HOW YOU CAN USE THEM IN YOUR TEACHING.**

**Humanism:** I teach first graders. At the beginning of the year we set up classroom rules together with the students. They have to agree to all the rules.

**Constructivism:** Last year I took my first graders in the school yard and we planted basil seeds. I first showed them every step, and they could do the same steps themselves. So instead of just being a passive recipient of information, my students took an active part in the process. This way they could construct their knowledge actively.

**Behaviorism:** Good students can hand out the worksheets to the whole class (they are really eager to do so), bad students have to stand in the corner at the back of the classroom.