

## Using Bloom's Taxonomy in the Elementary School Classroom

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Bloom's Taxonomy is a hierarchical order of thinking that helps teachers and students learn. It was created by Benjamin Bloom in 1956, and was revised in 2001 by Lorin Anderson and David Krathwohl. Teachers can use Bloom's in their classroom through instruction and assessment for their students, and reach all of their learners. For our project, we demonstrated each stage through a clip from the Divergent Series.

### Knowledge

The first level of Bloom's Taxonomy is the lowest in the pyramid of higher order thinking. It entails recalling facts and basic concepts.

We illustrated this through showing Tris explaining all of the different factions to the audience.

### Comprehension

At this level in Bloom's, students are explaining ideas or concepts.

We chose to use the clip of Tori, the person who administered Tris' aptitude test, explaining to Tris what being divergent means.

### Application

Application is all about using the information a person has gained in new situations.

The clip we used to demonstrate this is Tris using all of the skills she had learned during her Dauntless training to take down Jeanine and stop her from controlling soldiers to kill innocent people.

### Analysis

During the fourth level of Bloom's Taxonomy, students will draw connections among ideas.

We showed this through Tris analyzing climbing the post along with all of the other Dauntless members, how to get onto the moving train, and then again when having to jump off the moving train onto the roof.

### Synthesis

At this level in Bloom's, students will produce their own original work.

The clip we used included two examples of this. The first being David says and explains to Tris that he made her. The second being how Tris created her own way to get to her target when David kept closing all of her ways.

### Evaluation

This is the highest level of Bloom's Taxonomy. This is when justifying/judging/stating an opinion happens.

We chose the clip of Tris completing her final fear test to prove that she was worthy of being Dauntless. While she is completing her exam, there are a bunch of people in the room, including Jeanine, who are watching and judging how she is handling all of her situations.