7 tips to introduce active learning into your teaching.

Number 3 will blow your mind

**MUSIC**

1. Play a song during class that is somehow relevant to your material.
2. This is an abstract way to get students engaged with otherwise dull material

**ACTIVE LEARNING**

1. Get students into groups each lecture
2. Ask them questions, get them to share ideas
3. Ask students to create practice questions based on the material
4. Revise then or bring it back later in the semester

**MAKE IT RELEVANT AND ASPIRATIONAL**

1. Ask students what their dream job is
2. How might this course help them get this job?
3. Compare what they have learned with their own experiences

**SNOWBALL!!**

1. Make sure students have paper and pens
2. Ask students question e.g. what do you want to get out of this course?
3. Get students to scrunch paper up and throw it. Pick other snowballs up and compare

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ENTRY AND EXIT TICKETS

1. As students walk in give them a piece of paper and ask them a question e.g. what are 3 things you remember from last week’s lecture? Or tell me 3 things from today’s class that you found helpful or tell me how what we covered today relates to getting your dream job.
2. Collect the answers as people leave.

IMAGE GAME

1. Put images on the screen that are relevant to your topic as well as the “real world” e.g. in an international business class you might show images of China’s flag and the USA flag and ask students how is this relevant to international trade? (USA/China trade war).
2. Images can be about news items, pop culture, sports, anything that is relevant somehow to your class e.g. sometimes I relate it to movies - how is the movie ‘Black Panther’ relevant to a benevolent democracy?

PRE-MORTEM

1. Ask students their goals for the unit/project/assessment etc.
2. Before they start project/assessment etc ask students what might stop them from reaching their goals.
3. How might they overcome these hurdles?