

## **Affective Questioning**

Experiences have an affective, or emotional, component as well as cognitive ones. It has been shown that affective responses connect directly to someone's memories of the experiences which produced them. This can be very useful in an instructional setting, since it encourages the learner's comprehension and retention of concepts.

Places and spaces can elicit powerful emotional responses and can serve as a point of departure for questions that can explore feelings and clarify values as well as get information. Using object- and inquiry-based learning with sites in the Laurel Highlands, the following exercises can be used with your class so you can experience this process.