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A Three-Step Guide to Shut it Down in Your Social Science Class

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A 3-STEP GUIDE TO SHUT IT DOWN* IN YOUR SOCIAL SCIENCE CLASS!

EXAMPLES
INCLUDED

SAVE YOUR \$\$\$
DON'T BUY THAT
EXPENSIVE TEXT BOOK!

* Also known as act like a pompous fool...

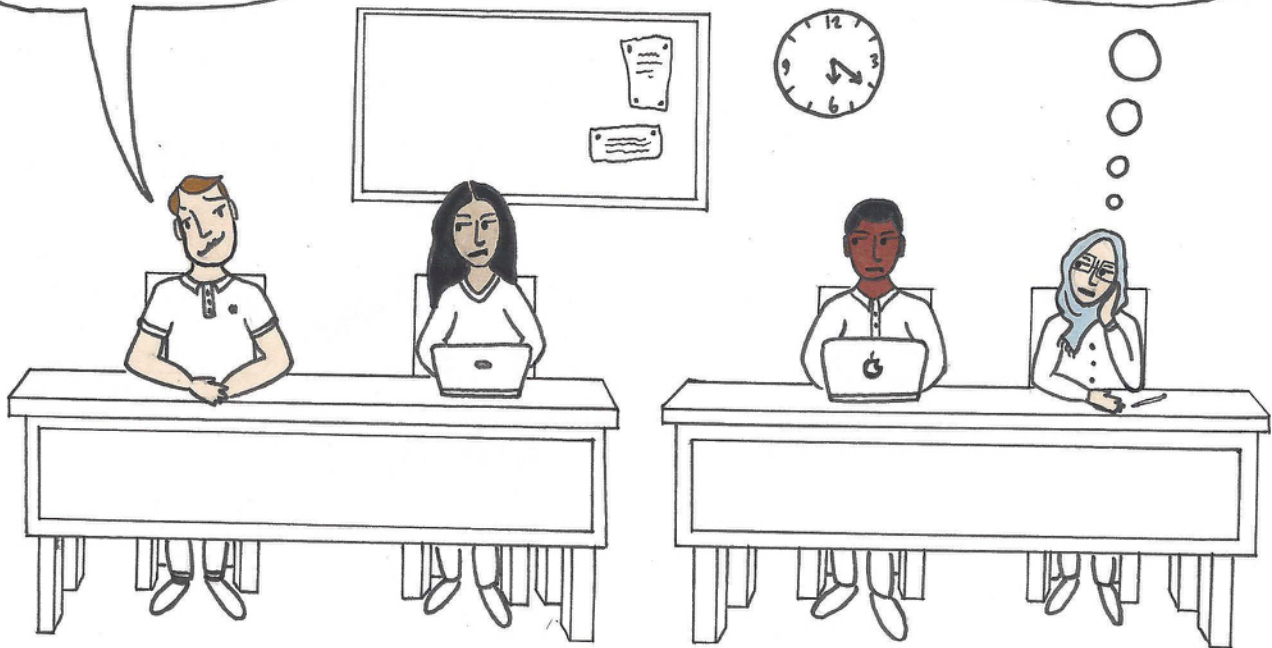
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STEP 1

Refer to a European philosopher
or thinkers' very obscure or very specific
concept or idea...

Well, I think everyone
would agree that
Plato's allegory
of the cave is an
instructive example...

Uhhh...what cave?
Like spelunking?
S*** is Plato on
the reading list?!



STEP 2

Imply that it is common knowledge everyone should know. This serves as an excellent pedagogy of shame and also reinforces internalized colonial knowledge hierarchies, as one would likely not feel ashamed if reference was made to Waman Puma de Ayala or Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o and one didn't know who they were.

I'm sure that everyone is familiar with Kant's work on enlightenment

Why yes...and that he was one of the creators of global racial hierarchies...



STEP 3

Wherever possible, seek to effortlessly include French, Russian, German or Latin terminology to give things a certain je ne sais quoi (← see what I did there?).



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