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Evolutionary Layers of Consciousness

Based on a short term
need, in the moment

Technologies from a
million years ago

I need a stick to poke in
this hole to get the ants
out, where is the stick?
Episodic need.

Rocks

Episodic

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Copy others to
benefit yourself

Manufacturing
goods, or artifacts

Tools that required more skill
to create; the skill was learned
from copying others

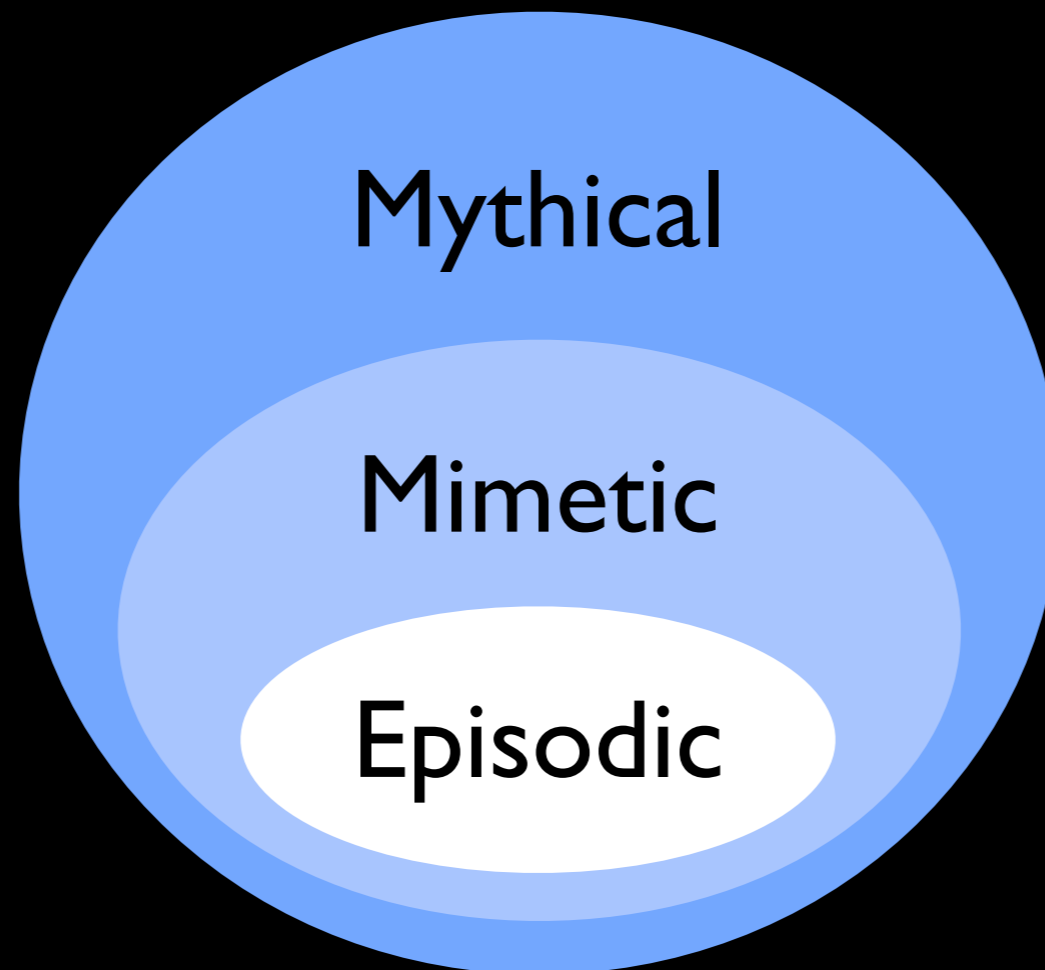
Mimetic

Episodic

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Artifacts like paintings and sculptures show that humans were creating stories around their interpretations of the world

Explosion of language



200-300,000 years ago

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Math

Abstractions in
human thought

about 5000
years ago

Technology

Theoretical

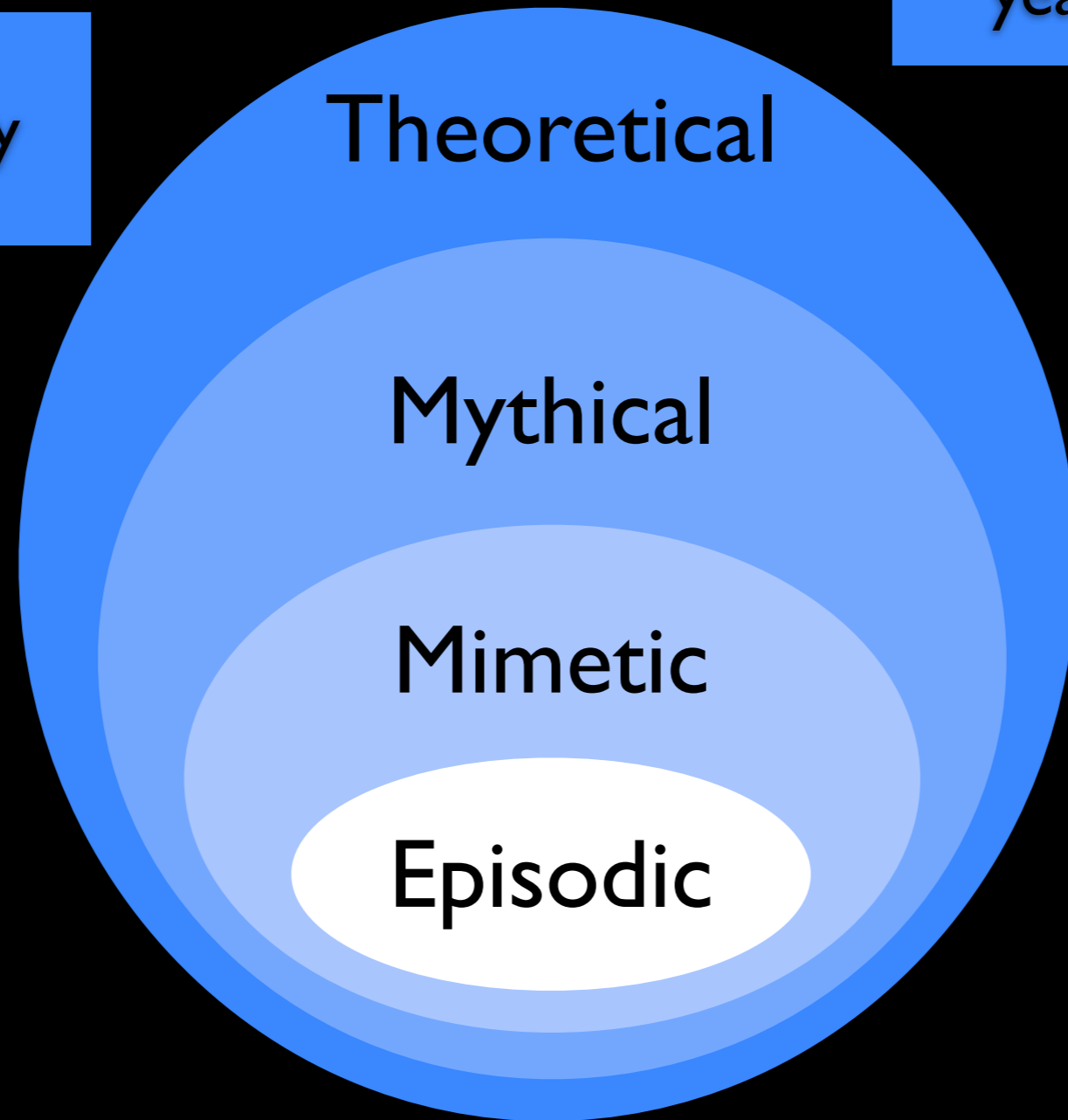
Metaphor

Mythical

Mimetic

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Complexity of
language led
humans to create
more theoretical
conceptions of
our experience
with the world



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Collective
intelligence?

Collective
Consciousness?

What is the role
of the internet?

Collaboration

Participatory?

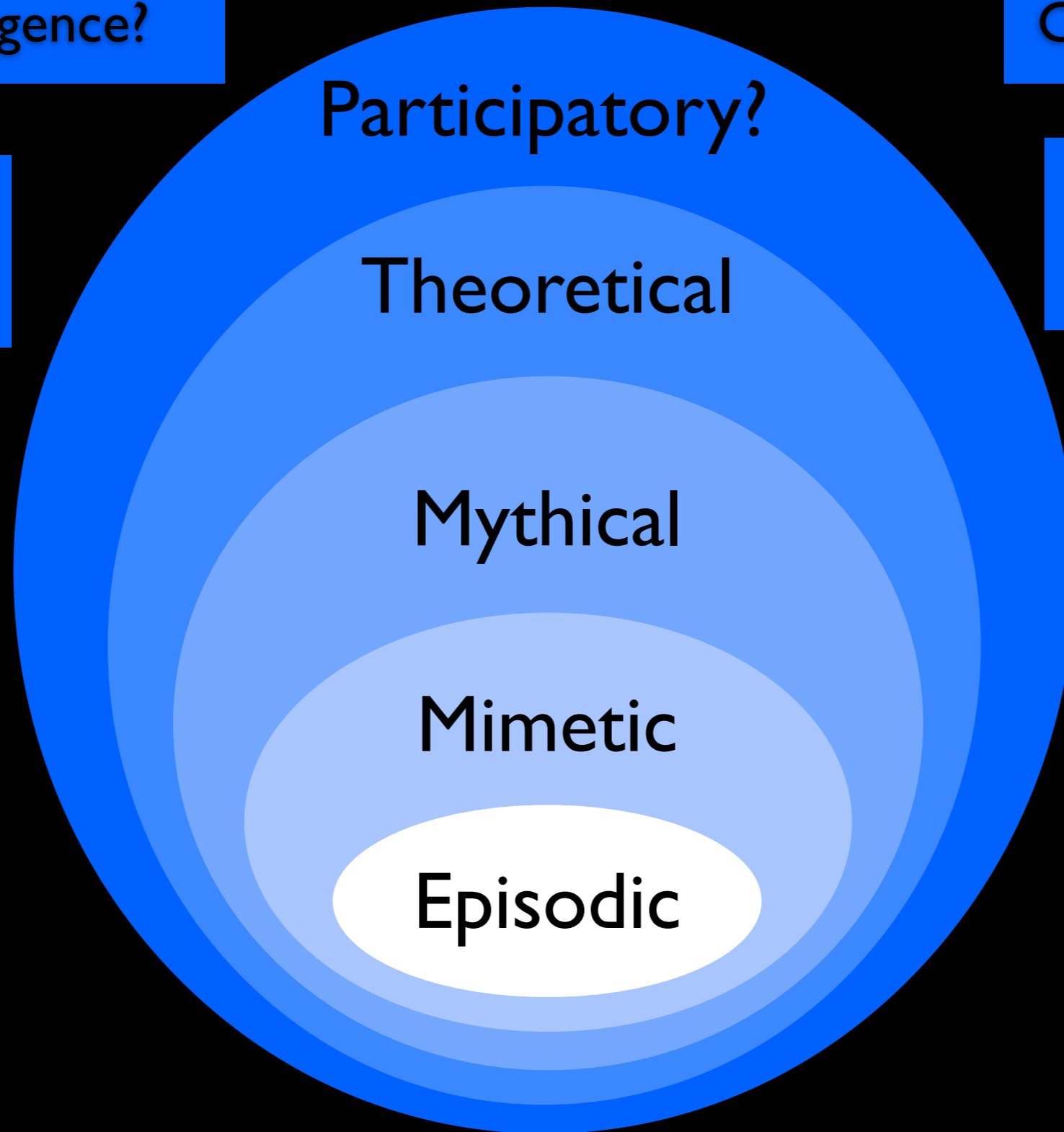
Theoretical

Mythical

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The Future?
Where are we
going next?



What does teaching look like?

