The Evolution of the Concept Didactics Didactics goes back to the seventeenth century; the first use of the term was by Wolfgang Ratke (1571–1635) who presented a reform program. For Johan Amos Comenius (1592– 1670), didactics was an art. Didactics originates from Greek word Didaskein which means to teach or to educate. At those days, didactics was known as 'the art of teaching'.