

Critical Reflection Synthesis
EDTE 522
Fall 2021
50 pts

Critical reflection allows us to think about our practice (what we are doing) and then challenges us to examine our thinking. As educators, you will do this quite often as you get to know yourself and your students.

For this critical reflection synthesis, refer to class readings, your reading chart and notes to synthesize (blend) ideas, concepts that you have learned through your internship experience in order to connect theory with practice.

Critical Synthesis Themes:

- Anti-racism education as it relates to teaching and planning curriculum for middle level students.
- Addressing issues of bias, discrimination, and educational inequities through integrated curriculum for middle level students.

PRODUCT:

VoiceThread for New Teachers

The structure:

- Introduce yourself and the theme to your audience. (referencing the articles that you read)
- Present background information. (referencing the articles that you read)
- Call to action. (What are you encouraging your audience to do?)
- What, if anything do you question related to your theme AND what questions do you have for the audience?
- Recap & conclude (provide 3 major takeaways)
- 10-12 minutes

Important things to remember:

- Make connections to AMLE standards (at least one)
- Use details and examples in your discussion
- Discuss how you can connect theory into practice
- Include a title
- Include a reference list (a word document to be submitted on BB)
- You can include music for your introduction (not required)
- Record in a quiet place (no background noises)
- Practice what you will say (a script may be helpful)

Voicethread:

Once you click on the Voicethread button to submit, you will be able to create the voicethread and it is really simple (believe me!). Just give BB time to connect to Voicethread and follow the simple directions. Some of you may be VT pros but for the newbies, it was easy for me as I recorded a brief message. =)

