

## Artifact Reflection

### Cold War Lesson Reflection

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#### Artifact Description

This artifact is a reflection of a lesson I taught during my pre-student teaching experience. The lesson was of my own construction and fell on an early release day making it extra difficult to time and execute. The original reflection was hand-written, but I thought it better to provide a typed replica.

#### Wisconsin Teaching Licensure Standard Alignment

##### Standard 9-Reflection

*The teacher is a reflective practitioner who continually evaluates the effects of his or her choices and actions on pupils, parents, professionals in the learning community and others and who actively seeks out opportunities to grow professionally.*

This artifact aligns best with Standard 9 because this reflection shows proof of my ability to evaluate the effects of my choices and actions on pupils. At this stage in my career reflection is necessary to further developing my teaching skills, and effectiveness in the learning community. Reflections like this one provide opportunities for me to grow professionally.

#### UW-Platteville School of Education Knowledge, Skill, Disposition Statement Alignment

##### KSD4.a. Reflects on Teaching

*The candidate makes an accurate and thoughtful reflection of his/her teaching effectiveness, is aware of specific elements of his/her teaching that contributed to successful instruction, and can offer alternative teacher action to predict the future successes of alternate approaches.*

This artifact beset aligns with KSD4.a because this reflection is an accurate reflection of my teaching effectiveness. I offer alternative plans of action for future lessons that will help me successfully instruct and manage time. This reflection highlights what aspects of instruction that I executed successfully and a thoughtful analysis of what I need to work on as an educator.

#### **Secondary KSD Alignment**

##### KSD4.b. Maintaining Accurate Records

##### KSD3.a. Communicating Clearly and Accurately

## Personal Reflection

### **What I learned about teaching/learning:**

I learned that reflection is an important aspect of teaching. That ability to reach the highest level of teaching relies on improving every day and targeting what needs to be worked on most. In connection to my coaching experience I know people in general naturally want to improve on their abilities that they already excel in. Reflection is a tool to that can be used to put our skills in perspective and should be used by both students and teachers.

### **What I learned about myself as a prospective educator:**

I learned about my strengths and weaknesses as a teacher candidate at this point in my pre-student teaching experience. I need to work on some time management and language use during instruction. On the other hand my lesson was well-constructed, presented, and had a variety of higher level questions. Overall, I learned the value of reflecting on a day-to-day basis to improve myself as a person and educator.