Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching

Students Reflect to Improve learning

Enhancing Effective Teaching Series

Reflection gives your students the opportunity to reflect on their abilities and potentials, and helps them recognize their strengths and weaknesses.

Activity: Reflection Essay



- A writing activity accompanying a course assignment (such as a project or lab report).
- It helps the student to think deeply about the strategies
- he uses to learn.
- The student writes a reflection (no more than 250 words) by answering two questions: How did I accomplish the task? How can I improve it in the future?
- * To apply it online, use blogs or Google Forms.

Activity: The One Minute Reflection Paper



A very short writing activity that takes place inside the classroom and takes about a minute.

- The activity includes a question about a topic that will be discussed in the lecture, so that the student reflects on his background and what he will learn while answering the question. For example: What is the most important concept you have learned in lecture today?
- Note: The one-minute paper is often used for the professor to obtain feedback from the students, improve his performance, and prepare for the next lecture.
- * To apply it online, use the electronic wall such as Padlet.

Reflection

A structured and purposeful learning activity in which past experiences and practices are analyzed in order to improve learning.

Examples for Methods of Reflection

- Writing: reflective report or article, blog post, journaling, the one-minute paper.
- Conversation with others: Report a conversation with a more experienced person, or with peers.

The student can reflect alone or with others; at the beginning of the lecture, immediately after, or during it; depending on the goal of reflection.

Enriching Resources



https://uwaterloo.ca/centre-for-teaching-excellence/catalogs/tip-sheets/critical-reflection https://www.nureva.com/blog/education/15-ways-to-spark-student-reflection-in-your-classroom

