Curricular Interventions for Pre-Service Teachers: Cultural Palooza and Self Identity ITL384

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Purpose

- Provide students with opportunities to develop a critical and reflexive understanding of who they are as individuals and social beings,
- Examine how consciousness is/was constructed,
- Promote understanding through the complexity of difference.
- Encourage understanding and promote a more active/critical learner/citizen participation in the society in which we live, as well as globally.

Social Justice Field Experience

- The social justice component consists of the pre-service teachers working within local area community organizations identified to provide needed services to disadvantaged families and youth, and schools whose student population serve lower-income and working poor families.
- The pre-service teachers work with children on art projects, which reflect the child's own cultural identity and lived experiences. These projects are displayed at the cultural palooza (explained as the third component) at the end of the semester

Social Justice

- 10 Hours per student/per semester
- 300-400 students per semester
- 18,000 hours community service between 2002-2005
- Book/Food/Clothing Drive
- After School Help
- Penpal with Memphis TN elementary school
- Homework Help
- Fundraising
- Books on Tape
- Xanadu: Creating The Ideal World
- Kids on Campus Day

Social Justice

- Washington Elementary School
- Miller Elementary School
- Murdock Elementary School
- Sunnyside Middle School
- Tecumseh Middle School
- Oakhaven Elementary School—Memphis TN
- Diamond Academy Elementary/Middle School—Memphis, TN
- L. Rodriguez de Tio Academy of Future Tech.—Middle School, Bronx, NY
- Boys & Girls Club of Lafayette
- Women's Shelter
- Lafayette Urban Ministries
- Family Services
- Alliance Academy—Cincinnati, OH

Kids Day on Campus







Xanadu

- Express their dreams for the future, visually and orally
- Reflect on living in a place made up of diverse peoples and learn of the similarities that connect them to children everywhere—emotions, relationships, and activities

- Help children understand community and its virtues of trust, respect, and cooperation
- Identify and choose the elements of an imaginary place
- Work together toward a common goal and learn the benefits of teamwork

• Improve their painting, drawing, compositional, and writing skills

• Receive recognition from the community for their hardwork

Creating Xanadu

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N IDEAL PLACE TO LIVE



Ith grade, Brooks Global Studies

My Xanadu has peace in the world. Girls can go outside without getting hurt. And boys can walk down the street without getting shot.

— La Toya Cunningham, 5th grade,

Nathaniel Alexander Llementary at Governors' Village



⁵th grade, Elmhurst Elementary School

To live in Xanadu is to ride horses into the sunset and to catch waves in the afternoon's hot sun. They have great piers for fishing, and if you don't fish there is plenty of fun. You can visit the volcano that spits out candy. It's plenty of fun hiking the ice-capped mountains. Then at night, you can kick back, relax, and watch Monday night football.

- Jenna Langston, 5th grade. Elmburst Elementary School

Xanadu: My Perfect World

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Self Reflection/ Cultural Expressions

- Throughout this semester the course readings, films, and class discussions have analyzed the various ways society both constructs and portrays the individual. The *Representation and Controlling Images Art Project* is your opportunity to express your understanding of how you are represented and how this representation attempts to control how you view yourself and how others view you. Although the images may be false they are nevertheless believed by many and sometimes internalized by the individual. The theme of your final assignment, *Representation and Controlling Images*—requires you to answer the question--How do you see yourself and how others view you?
- Your Art Project is a visual representation expressing this theme through drawing, photography, media, etc. In this assignment your job is to provide a visual representation of the liminal space which exists between these separate views. In addition to the art project you need to submit a 3-4 page double-spaced explanation.

Self Reflection Method for the Study of Self

- Inward—the internal conditions of feelings, hopes, aesthetic reactions, moral dispositions, etc
- Outward—existential conditions; the environment, reality
- Backward and forward—temporality past, present and future



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White Picket Fence of Privilege

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Who am I? This is a guestion that others of us ask each day of our lives.

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I am Burna When I was 18 I journeyed there for a second time seeing my grandmother for the second and last time

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Le suisfrançaise Tain French Spending "Une confée" an evening at a club-Le Dupler in Paris Visiting La Notre Dame and Le Pempider Learning French Culture and La joie de vie is one thing

Ciao! Tam Holtan To see the Collesium, Roman ruins & baths, and to visit the Vatican City is something many of us only dream of To Understand the true meaning of Michelangelos Dourd visit Pompesi and learn all the intrades of cit history is Amazing!

an German My grandmother is from the Sudetenland I have never been to Gormany but from a young age have been told stories of German culture Saying a prayer in German may be unusual for the typical for the for me Day







Cultural Palooza.

What it is.

How it looks?

What are its benefits.



Welcome To CULTUREPALOOZA



























