

Essential Question Project Description EDTP 201

In EDTP 201, The Teaching Profession, you have learned new perspectives on teaching, schooling, and the contexts in which they operate. You have also learned much about yourself as a future professional.

For this final project you will synthesize your new insights from our semester's journey together by producing a digital project that answers our essential question: **What does it take to be an effective teacher in the 21st century?** Your project should be approximately 5-10 minutes in length and could take the form of a fictional storytelling narrative, non-fiction storytelling documentary, or a public service announcement. You can create a digital story or a mashup/remix in which you use multiple sources of video.

As you work on your video representation, make sure that you answer the essential question by considering the following areas:

- What is your role as an effective teacher?
- What kind of classroom environment is most effective?
- What are the best teaching methods?
- How should effective teachers approach curriculum?
- How should teachers address diversity issues?

You will have access to the Digital media Suite located in Ekstrom Library. They have a staff there that are aware of the project and can help you with the technological aspect. Some of the resources that are available include 4 editing stations with iMovie, Final Cut Pro, a video studio with a green screen, camcorder checkout, and REACH tutors ready to provide assistance.

See the attached rubric for specific criteria.

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Levels:	3	2	1
Creativity	Exceptional originality of presented material.	Material presented with little originality or creative thought	Project includes little variety in presentation techniques
Understanding	Project represents a sophisticated appreciation and understanding of what it takes to be an effective teacher. The project represents an impressive ability to synthesize the course material.	Project represents an accurate appreciation and understanding of what it takes to be an effective teacher.	Project does not demonstrate an understanding of what it takes to be an effective teacher.
Clarity of Message	The project provides a clear sense of the answer to the Essential Question. Student addresses all four areas of the essential question: role of teacher, diversity, classroom environment, teaching methods, and curriculum.	The project provides a basic answer to the essential question but does not address all specific areas related to role of teacher, diversity, classroom environment, teaching methods, and curriculum.	The overall message of the essential question is not addressed.
Effort in Project	Project shows considerable effort and attention to matters of correctness, detail, audience understanding, and interest in the topic. Relevant criteria have been considered to show depth of understanding and knowledge of the audience for the project.	Project shows solid effort and some attention to matters of correctness and detail. Main areas of organization and clarity are attended to for audience understanding.	Project does not show sustained effort or care and attention to audience understanding or interest
Style and Organization	The video was well conceived and shows exceptional organization of the content.	The video shows some organization of content.	The video was poorly done and shows little or no organization of the content.
Video or Body of Show	Project answers the question with a variety of visuals including video and still pictures. May have animation, re-enactment or interviews. Uses some music or other sound effects.	Project answers the question with a variety of visuals images, voice over NOT "talking heads" of the producers. Makes good use of local scenery or experts or artifacts.	Project use a variety of visual images. No information beyond the textbook or internet is used Or content contains inaccuracies.
Closing Credits, Including Sources of Information	Credits are complete, include a variety of primary and secondary sources and are easy to read.	Credits include several sources of information and thanks to those who helped the producers.	No closing credits or fails to thank people or institutions who helped the producers.

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