

Sample Assignment #2

School Observation Checklist and Reflections

Coelho Checklists and Reflection

Time to complete: This assignment should take approximately 5 hours to complete and is connected to all pre-practicum course discussions

Elements to include and steps to follow

- During the orientation to your practicum school, complete as many items as possible from each of the accompanying checklists. These checklists are from your course textbook *Teaching and Learning in Multicultural Schools*. Ask your associate teacher for help when you complete these checklists. He or she will have information and insight that are valuable.
- Write a one-page introduction in which you clearly describe the school and its population.
- Complete the checklists to the best of your ability. Remember to consult your associate teacher and other members of the school community. Ask for permission to get input from some of the children for Checklist #5.
- Include comments with your answers directly on the checklist to clarify answers as necessary.
- Write a one-page reflection to accompany each checklist.

The use of pseudonyms

Remember not to use the actual school name or the names of any teachers or students in your assignments. Pseudonyms should be used throughout. It is also important to use pseudonyms during classroom discussions.

Coelho Checklists and Reflection Evaluation Form

Teacher Candidate's Name: _____

1. Completeness:

- Is there a maximum 1-page introductory section?
Yes-----Some-----None
- Are the checklists complete?
Yes-----Some-----None
- Are there accompanying explanations after checked answers?
Yes-----Some-----None

- Is there a maximum 1-page reflection after each checklist?
Yes-----Some-----None

2. Quality:

Does the introduction clearly describe the school and its population?

Poor Fair Good Above Average Excellent

Do the checked answers match the description of the school?

Poor Fair Good Above Average Excellent

Do the accompanying explanations sufficiently clarify the checked responses?

Poor Fair Good Above Average Excellent

Do the reflections summarise and respond to the overall themes of the checklists?

Poor Fair Good Above Average Excellent

3. Overall Impression:

The overall impression created by this assignment is:

C+ B- B B+ A- A A+

Comments:

Course textbook:

Coehlo, E. (1998). *Teaching and learning in multicultural schools: An integrated approach*. Clevedon: Multilingual Matters Limited.