

Teacher Interview/ Observation (Alternate) Assignment

1. Select a lesson to view from the website below
<https://www.learner.org/series/social-studies-in-action-a-teaching-practices-library-k-12/>
2. Look for evidence during the lesson that relates to the following questions:
 - a. How does the teacher **connect** to students' prior knowledge, **develop interest** in the lesson and set lesson expectations?
 - b. What **instructional strategies** does the teacher use to build understanding of the concept or skill?
 - c. What **learning activities** do the students participate in to build understanding of the concept or skill?
 - c. What **materials/resources/educational technology** are used to help students learn the content?
 - d. How does the teacher incorporate **developmental considerations** and **cultural and linguistic resources** and **funds of knowledge** into the lesson?
 - d. How did the teacher **adapt** the curriculum to meet the needs of English language learners, students with special needs, or gifted students?
 - e. How does the teacher **assess** student understanding during the lesson and at the end of the lesson?
3. Write a 2-4 page paper for the observation that includes:
 - a. Name of the teacher observed, school, grade level, and subject area
 - b. A summary of the lesson observed including answers to the questions listed above
 - c. Reflections about the observation that include answers to the following questions:
 - How did the teacher use his/her knowledge of the students in the class during the lesson?
 - What aspects of the lesson went well?
 - What aspects of the lesson might you change and why?
 - What insights did you gain about teaching from the observation?