

Taryn strayer

Nov 22/22 reflection

Hour 1 #6

This morning I taught the larger class and did a lesson on movies. In this lesson I put a lot of emphasis on the speaking because each section I wanted students to chose which they liked better (for example is watching movies at the theater or at home better etc.) and I love movies so I was very happy that I could share my favourite movie/tv show. The students seemed very engaged but all of us were very engrossed in conversation, so I missed sending them on a break before some of them had to go to the conversation club in the second hour. My timing is usually pretty good, but I guess that is what happens when you are enjoying yourself. I still wish I had more time to prepare but I thought I did well with being sick with covid the previous week and not being able to even look at a computer for about 3 days. I even got another compliment from one of my students saying that she thought I was a good teacher. I had to reexplain a few things a couple of times but All in all, I'm happy with how things went though I wasn't able to incorporate a lot of different elements in my lesson. sometimes simple is best and it worked.

Nov22/22 reflection for hour #2 (#7)

This hour I didn't really teach much, my sponsor and I sent some students to the conversation club and then one student did a presentation on his home country. It was still enjoyable to listen to him talk about his family and the things you can do/see in Ecuador. Another student wanted to continue a conversation with me after the presentation, so it felt nice knowing that some students felt comfortable enough to have a casual conversation with me.

Taryn strayer

Nov 29/22, 1 hour

Reflection #8

Today I carried on with my debate lesson (I had previously taught the second part to another section) and again struggled a little with a smaller group. I used my computer to put the presentation up and after the YouTube video I couldn't get it to work again, thankfully I had everything on my flash drive and used that on the main computer. Seems like that school computers really don't like me as this has happened a few times. Again, the students did seem engaged, and they seem like a very tight knit smaller group so they're always laughing and talking with each other. I was able to get a lot more materials done for this lesson, added a bit to it since the last I taught it. Had to reexplain a couple of things but Again, overall went well.

Taryn strayer

Dec 2/22 Reflection #9

Hour 1

Today's lessons theme was the world cup so I made a lot of materials for this class. I wanted to get the students in class hyped for the party afterwards and wanted to keep the energy up on the last day of classes. My sponsor helped me with planning the activities and I appreciated the help as the end of classes is stressful and by this point most of us are brain dead. So the first bit was the actual lesson bit so it wasn't as fun as the second hour and I made a kahoot but wasn't able to use it as it said I had to pay to host and my sponsor wasn't able to open it either. Again, the computer fought with me but I used my usb. I started the lesson with music and used a song Shakira made for the world cup about 12 years ago and it's a fun upbeat song before getting into the boring stuff. The students seemed to really enjoy the second video on how to explain a process (I used a video of a father asking his kids to make directions telling him how to make a sandwich and it was quite comical at times). This hour I got them explaining small things to each other (I also asked them to explain how to make sandwiches of their choice to a partner) and they seemed quite engaged at first then they went in their groups to plan for their presentation. The first hour went well though I think being the last day of classes everyone was a little tired.

Dec 2/22 reflection #10

Hour 2

This hour everyone continued working in their groups making their activities and planning their presentation. There was a lot of talking though one group finished quite early so I had to keep going over and pushing them to think of other things or getting them to explain their plans and make points. I tried switching them up after a while too to keep them engaged and then when they presented, one group struggled a little bit with explaining their process. I got valuable feedback from my observing teacher for that scenario and will do my best to put it into practice. The first half hour of class students seemed pretty engaged but near the end I could tell they were itching to leave and probably just to eat/watch the cup at the party which isn't really in my control.

Over the practicum I'm proud of some of the lessons and not with others. My time management is still not super great, but I was still able to do some good work. Plus getting sick really didn't help that. I hope that all of this was enough for me to pass as I'm missing a few things and probably won't have time to fix it. Im doing what I can and I hope that's all it takes.