

I learned a lot of new ways to teach Social Studies to Students. These new ideas will help my students as they will have a variety of learning methods throughout the school year. My class will be far from the daily drill and skill of tests and worksheets.

I feel that you graded very harshly. As a result of this I began to become very discouraged when doing assignments for you as I had this feeling of no matter how hard I worked on these assignments they were not going to be good enough for you. I also feel that there was a great deal of grey area in what was actually expected. I feel that it would have been helpful if you actually went over the assignments and what you were looking for and expecting out of us.

① I have learned the importance of developing multiple perspectives. All of the themes <sup>and strategies</sup> that ~~course~~ I learned about will really help me with my future.

Content wise, I learned a great deal from Professor Lin and doing my own research for lesson plans. I now know how crucial it is for me to have a strong base of content knowledge.

I loved ~~being~~ learning how to incorporate primary sources and children's books into my lesson plans. In the past, I have used children's books but only for ELA lessons. I love that you gave us the chance to integrate curriculum areas.

Thank you for a great semester! ☺  
You have taught me so much!

② I do not have any suggestions for this class. I saw the educational purpose of every assignment.

1. I have learned so much from participating in EDU 480. I was not confident as a social studies instructor, but I feel very prepared to educate students in the content area I need to.

2. Suggestions:

- have students modify a lesson if possible to implement in their field placement.
- perhaps more guidance with choosing unit plan topics and progression of lessons.

I learned a lot about looking at different points of view in history.

I thought Lin Lin's lessons were engaging and very fun. It was a great experience. I feel no suggestions are needed. I had a great time in this class.

I have learned how to take history and social studies lessons to a new level of critical thinking. Thinking about our past and learning content from different perspectives is important when you want students to truly understand and relate to our world. I was never a big fan of social studies growing up, but I think that as a teacher if I take the lessons you have shown us I can create more engaging and meaningful activities.

① By taking EDU 480 this semester I think the biggest thing I've learned is the importance of content knowledge. I knew that it was important but I was finally able to truly understand the importance of knowing what you are teaching. This is going to help me immensely in student teaching and in the future. I also learned the importance of teaching about multiple perspectives. Rethinking Columbus opened up a whole new array of ideas that I will always keep in mind while teaching.

② Suggestions:

- Be more clear with directions and explanations of assignments; explain them before so that we have adequate time to prepare
- Be conscious of how the way you word thoughts affects people. Putting students down without realizing it can harm them.
- Try and organize lessons more

What have you learned?

I feel that the social studies class in Block 1 Did NOT prepare me for how to teach Social Studies.

This class has really opened my eyes to the importance of social studies and civic engagement. I have learned so many activities and I have learned how to get students involved in the community.

Suggestions?

I don't really have any suggestions! I honestly feel that this class has impacted me. I love your emails, your energy, your stories, your activities. I never was bored. Maybe make directions more clear.

What have you learned from EDU 480 this semester?

- In EDU 480, I learned to create meaningful lessons. The way that you modeled in class gave more ideas of how to be creative in my lesson plans. I learned how any moment can be a teachable moment. This class ~~was~~ helped me to know the importance of making a difference by caring for students.



- 1) Think and teach in multiple perspectives
  - 2) View Columbus and Thanksgiving in different ways
  - 3) Learn great activities to keep class interesting
  - 4) Civic engagement very helpful
  - 5) Creating quiz very helpful
  - 6) Incorporated different teaching strategies
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- 1) Give directions and expectations clear
- 2) Keep an open mind to other students thoughts and ideas
- 3) Give more activities that can be used in an elementary classroom.
- 4) Don't share students work with other students unless student present or has given permission.
- 5) Make lessons shorter, for student teaching your lessons need to be shorter than 2 pages.

1. I have learned how important it is for teachers to teach from multiple perspectives. I learned that we must make sure there are valid reasons for the topics we decide to teach. Also, I learned that clearing up misconceptions and stereotypes is essential for the elementary ~~room~~ classroom.

2. I think the assignments should be explained more thoroughly. Maybe give an example of how you expect your lessons to be done so students have something to use as a guide. Rationales should be created after unit plans to give room for reflection.

① I learned the importance of implementing multiple perspectives into social studies lesson plans. Also the importance of civic engagement and its connection to curriculum.

② Be extremely clear in your directions for assignments. I really enjoyed making the quiz from the Zinn book, but the other activities, the timeline and the women profiles I felt was busy work and did not add to my learning experience and was not valuable.

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valuable

1. I have learned how to write a connected, thematic unit plan. This is the first class that I have had to write a unit plan for. I have also learned the importance of incorporating service learning into a curriculum. Service learning, I think, is so important for young students to have a chance to experience (now that I have taken EDU 480). Any type of teaching and learning that I can encourage outside of the classroom I will!

2. I have no suggestions! I thought your class was well organized 😊.

① Throughout the semester I learned about different events in our history are all seen differently based on ones point of view.

② I think it would be nice to focus on more topics. Throughout the entire semester we focused on Columbus and the importance of teaching all perspectives. It would be beneficial to learn different concepts and events we would teach on in our future classrooms. Overall, I believe you are a great teacher with wonderful teaching approaches.

1) I have learned many different ways to teach Social Studies. The activities were interesting and fun. Your passion for what you were teaching was inspirational.

2) Sometimes the instructions for the assignments were unclear. Try to be more clear on what it is you want from each assignment.

This semester in Edu 480 I have learned the importance of teaching about multiple perspectives and teaching the facts about Social Studies events in a way different than I was taught.

Honestly I can not think of any suggestions because I really enjoyed this class and learned so much