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Final Portfolio

It is late spring of your senior year (as it very well may be for some of you), and you have decided to apply for a teaching job. As part of the application process the school requests that you define your teaching philosophy and back up your statement with previous work and experiences. Your job is to define your philosophy (describing how you would teach and assess students, run your classroom, etc.) citing work done from the class this semester. The statement should be of a format of a piece of work that you would send along to a potential employer, only this piece of work is presented online and has hyperlinks to previous work from this class that supports your statement. You will need to choose a small number (4-6) pieces of work from this semester that support your statement. This should include at least two class related pieces of work and two observations related pieces of work. *You may also choose to integrate your reflections and preparation for the final lesson into this portfolio.* Things you might want to consider include:

- things that you have learned that would prepare you to teach or work with students in a K-12 classroom
- evidence of development of or changes in your understanding of teaching and learning (especially modes of teaching)
- activities which support your preferences for modes of teaching and assessment
- classroom experiences that provide evidence supporting your statement

Since we have done a number of hands-on activities in class during the semester, you should include some mention of these in your portfolio.

You should create a document in your blog (or linked to from your blog) for this assignment that discusses these issues and points to other documents (assignments, in class work, observations) in your blog. You are welcome to add additional documents to your blog that reference readings from class (strongly recommended), your experiences in the schools, or your reflections on class work. This should be a combination of new writing plus the links and references to your previous work.