

Assignment 3:

Effective Handouts and Graphic Organizers

Rationale:

Publisher materials are, for the most part, woefully inadequate. While there certainly are hidden gems here and there, most of the worksheets you'll get from your class textbooks will be painfully specific or just painfully silly. You will most likely find yourself writing your curriculum from scratch. Effective handouts are a necessary component of any good classroom as they provide numerous opportunities to guide teacher-talk, weave literacy into the content area, facilitate group work, and graphically represent difficult ideas.

Directions:

You are to create two handouts. The first will be a two-page interactive handout using Microsoft Word. It must serve to facilitate an activity within a lesson and should be tied to appropriate Massachusetts State Standards/Benchmarks. The second must be a graphic organizer of a difficult topic from the Massachusetts State Standards/Benchmarks. Upon submission, you must indicate which standard/benchmark(s) are being addressed.

Score Guide: 25 points

- Handouts are creative, sequential and visually appealing 15 pts.
 - Lesson plan provides appropriate and measurable objectives 4 pts.
 - Handouts provide learners with an interactive learning experience 3 pts.
 - Handouts appropriately addresses a relevant standard/benchmark 3 pts.
- 25pts.**