

Observation

LESSON GOAL

Identify and build observation skills.

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

What are strategies for effective observation?

INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGY

ANNOUNCEMENT

- Check Announcements for any information about assignments and due dates.

MY PORTFOLIO

- Consider submitting your work in this lesson to My Workspace for inclusion in My Portfolio.

MY WORKSPACE

- Complete your assignments in My Workspace.

LESSONS

- Review the lesson
- Complete assignment
- Submit assignment.

ASSIGNMENTS

- Use Assignments to submit your artifacts and reflections.

GRADEBOOK

- Check Gradebook for your lesson evaluation.

SCHEDULE

- Check schedule for assignments and due dates.

COMMUNICATE

- with your teacher or other students if desired
 - Blogger
 - Chat Room
 - Drop box
 - Mailtool

2 class periods and out-of-class time

LESSON OVERVIEW

Have you ever missed an important detail when you first watched or listened to something? Have you ever taken the time to closely observe a setting to examine the details of it? This lesson will have you practice making observations with one of your five senses. You will be recording notes about your observations and you will be commenting on the notes of others.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

1. Record four observations from a video clip.
2. Work in a small group to choose significant details from the video clip.
3. Review the *Breaking It All Down* handout and label each of your four observations.
4. Complete out-of-class observation assignment.
5. Participate in class discussion about observation bias.
6. Comment on another student's notes in Blogger.
7. Complete reflection assignment.

There is one assignment in this lesson that requires you to reflect on the lesson activities and discussions.

Here are the ways you can succeed in this lesson.

1. Engage in video and record careful observations.
2. Thoughtfully label observations to demonstrate understanding of different observation focus points.
3. Carefully observe for twenty minutes with a particular focus and record thorough observations.
4. Engage in classroom discussions fully by offering thoughtful responses.
5. Record careful observations in Blogger in a timely manner and make insightful and constructive comments on other observations.
6. Write a thoughtful reflection to demonstrate understanding of the importance of observation and strategies to improve observation skills.

Observation



ASSIGNMENT

In class you have

- observed a video clip
- compared observations with your classmates
- labeled the focus of each of your observations
- recorded your observations of a public place
- discussed different aspects of observation
- blogged about your observations and those of your classmates.

Think about these experiences as you write a reflection on the following questions. Use the *Sakai* Assignments Tool to submit your reflection for evaluation.

Describe three things you learned about observations as a result of this lesson.

How can you utilize these skills in other classes?

How can you apply what you experienced in this lesson to improve your observation skills?

Multiply the points by the weighted score and record in the total column for each rubric. Then tally the total points for the final score.

Weighted Score	Category	Exceeding 9-10 Points	Meeting 6-8 Points	Approaching 3-5 Points	Emerging 0-2 Points	Total
2	ASSIGNMENT Reflection Complete a written reflection about observation.	Wrote a thoughtful reflection, demonstrating understanding of the importance of observation and strategies to improve observation skills.	Completed the reflection on observation.	Made an effort to complete the reflection on observation.	Made a minimal effort to complete the reflection on observation.	