

#wsarcs2012

RCS (Practical stuff)

Levels
and styles
are different

Platform
(foundations)
are the same



- ▶ 1. Blackboard / EdShare
- ▶ 2. Digital Collector & Blogging
- ▶ 3. Reflective Writing
- ▶ 4. Library Resources
- ▶ 5. Visual Research

- ▶ 6. Copyleft (IP & Copyright)
- ▶ 7. *Feedback week*
- ▶ 8. Ethics
- ▶ 9. Digital Output
- ▶ **10. Summary & Submission**

your feedback

hand in -
FRIDAY 5pm

completed all tasks

- Tasks were all about posting to the visual journal/blog
- We will be looking at presentation of post (20%)
- The writing skills of each post and the **summary post (80%)**

Final task : Reflective Summary

- **Write a 500 word reflective statement on your progress during this module.**
- Focus your discussion on one or two specific lectures, tasks, or subjects that had an impact on your thinking/practice.
- Discuss what you have learnt and how it has/will influence your work on future.
- Ensure you refer to at least one academic source to support the points you make.

Tips:

Reflective writing should include

- Description of events, experiences and processes
- An indication of your feelings about these events
- Both positive and negative experiences
- Self-questioning about these experiences
- Analysis of your work / your progress
- Suggestions for future practice
- An honest appraisal of your experience
- Links to your practice and academic sources
- Use of the first person (I) in your writing

Why reflective writing is important

- Allows you to stand back and assess your work in a more detached light.
- Examining both your positive and negative experiences can help you understand why you approach things in certain ways and avoid others.
- Solving problems can become easier if you regularly reflect upon your practice.
- Reflective writing allows your tutors to see how your practice and idea develop.
- Reflection is an essential skill for your future working life.

How to prepare for final task

- Select what to include from your blog when writing up the final reflective statement.
- An LSD approach can be useful:
- Look through the entries in your blog
- Select those that you want to incorporate
- Deepen your initial thoughts, as by this stage you will have had the benefit of hindsight to guide you.
- Quotes are useful for illustrating key points.

Commons problems with reflective writing

- Your writing is too descriptive and does not offer much analysis
- It reads like a diary i.e. a list of events, or it's too personal and not really about your work
- Your final statement does not capture anything meaningful because you've written it at the last minute, and not used a journal throughout the term/year

Commons problems with reflective writing

- Your writing is a general overview of events, and does not highlight any critical incidents
- There is little or nothing said about things that did not go well for you – only positive events are discussed
- In cases where a problem is identified, you do not take ownership of the situation, and see others as responsible
- There's no detailed discussion about what you've learnt, and how things could be done differently in the future

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