A picture's worth a thousand words: Using images to engage online and oncampus students in meaningful reflection

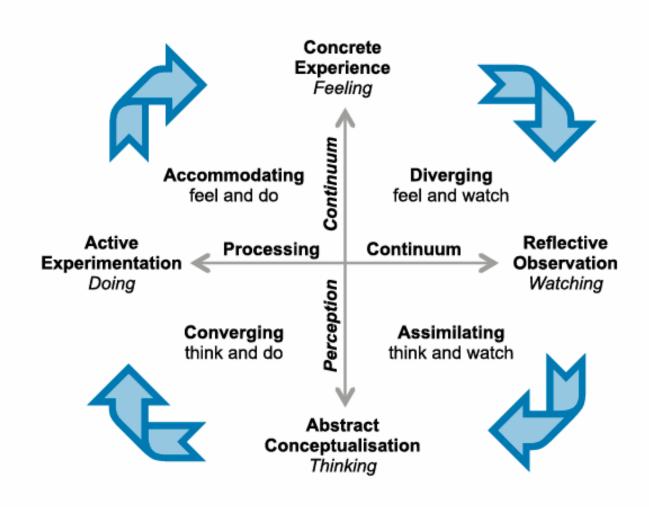


Catherine W. Shoulders, University of Arkansas Carley Calico, Mississippi State University "All education comes about through experience...everything depends upon the quality of the experience which is had."

- John Dewey



Reflecting Improves Learning Experiences









Research Methods

- Hybrid face-to-face, online course
 - Many students from out-of-state
- Agricultural education, communications, extension, education, apparel studies, nutrition, dietetics, early childhood education
- First course in master's program for many students

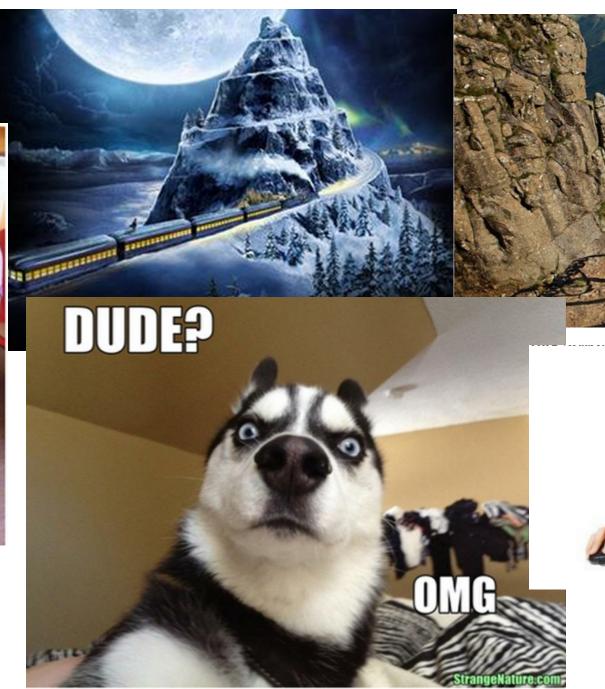


Nonlinguistic Reflection in Research Methods

Weekly Visual Reflections

Each week, you will be required to submit an image (found via Google or other search engine) that portrays your feelings about the topic at hand. Along with the image, you will submit one paragraph that describes how the image portrays your feelings. These will be discussed each week during our class meetings.



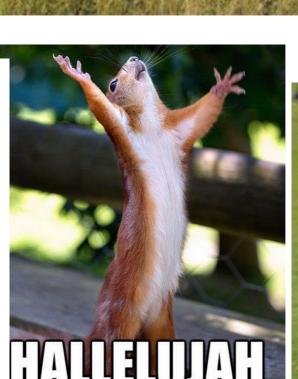


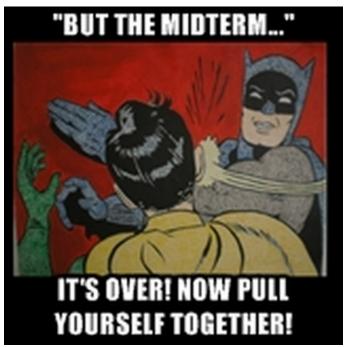


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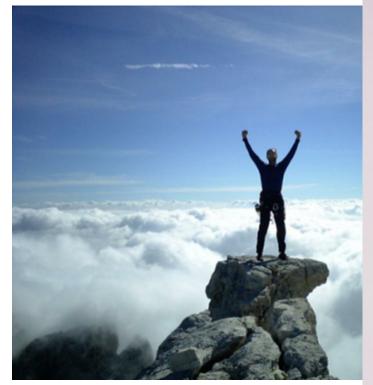








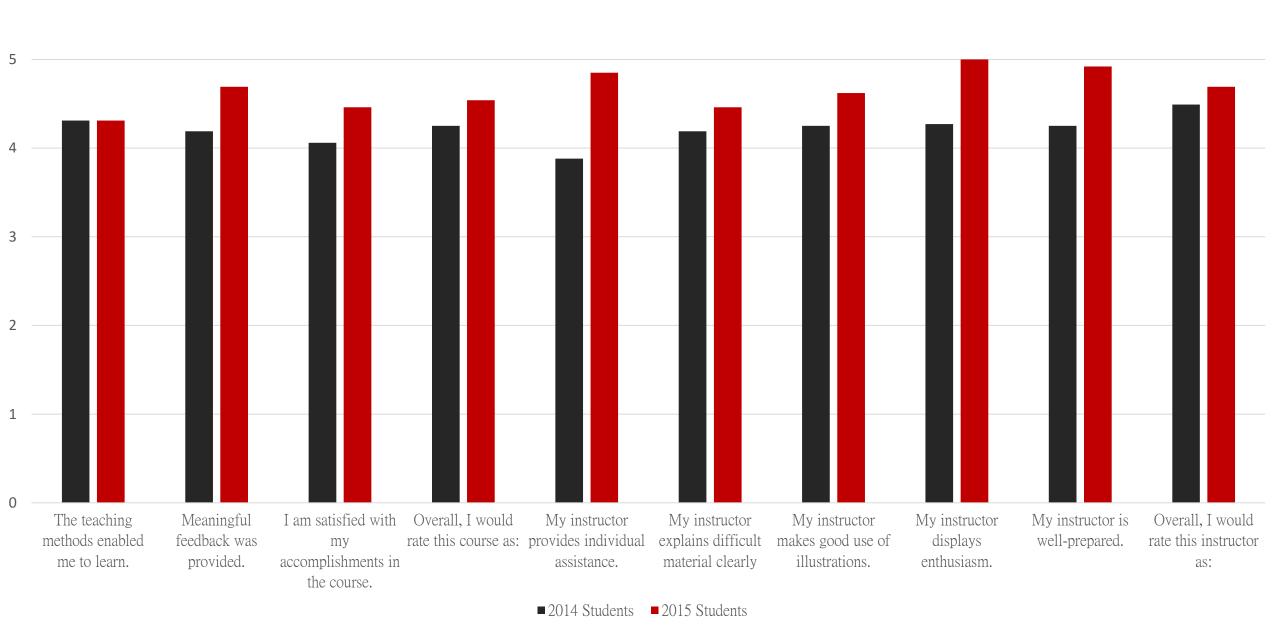








Did the visual reflections make a difference on students' perceptions of the course?



- "Your sincerity in asking for student feedback made me feel valued and opened the door to know I could always come to you with questions. Your openness to try new things (visual reflections) was refreshing!"
- "I tend to stick in the middle of the pack and even if I'm struggling, I keep to myself. The visual reflections didn't allow me to do that, instead it created communication with the professor about my feelings about the course."
- "Your sense of humor helped to ease the stress and reminded me to maintain perspective. Truly enjoyed the visual reflections...what a creative way to guide students in self-awareness!"
- "Visual reflections definitely helped me release stress as well as allow me to see whether other students were on the same page as me."
- "I was a big fan of having the visual reflections to do each week. I felt as if it helped me express whether nor not I was struggling with the material or if I was not focused on the class for the week."

Thank you!

Questions?

