

# Pre-Conference Coaching

## MTTC 1002

**Linda Cross, Teacher....Leah Franco, Primary Coach**

**Joe Price...Asst. Coach**

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**Linda Cross:** Ok coach, fire away.

**Leah H. Franco:** What is your overall plan for this mentoring session and who is your teacher this time?

**Linda Cross:** I will be working with the 8th grade language arts teacher to do a unit where we incorporate videos of Christmas traditions to go along with "A Christmas Carol"

**Linda Cross:** The videos will be of interviews her student will conduct with senior citizens and/or teachers.

**Leah H. Franco:** What about implementing some examples of traditions....like Santa...Trees, etc.??? Sorry, I know...ask questions

**Leah H. Franco:** OK, so the end product will be a video

**Leah H. Franco:** Will there be certain requirements for each student or is this a group thing

**Linda Cross:** Yes, it will be a video which has been edited and narrated using iMovie on Macs. They will work in groups of 3 or 4 to do the interviews and also take notes and digital stills.

**Leah H. Franco:** Wow...will the kids be doing all of that?

**Leah H. Franco:** I am impressed!!

**Linda Cross:** Yes. This is her advanced language arts group but I will do some instruction on the cameras before we get started. I will show the teacher and let her show them.

**Leah H. Franco:** What is your role in this endeavor?

**Linda Cross:** This time I plan to really teach the teacher and let her teach the students. I will help mostly with the video editing because the teacher is not familiar with it.

**Leah H. Franco:** So this is for upper-division...what are your goals for the gifted students?

**Linda Cross:** Well, actually, this whole group is language-arts gifted so it will be hard to show a lot of diversity in this class. I'll have to work on that one.

**Leah H. Franco:** So let's put it this way....what extra activities will be planned for those who might finish early?

**Linda Cross:** One thought that I've had is to let them add some graphics which they find on the Internet to dress up the videos and/or add some Christmas music as background.

**Leah H. Franco:** I like the Christmas music idea!!

**Leah H. Franco:** No too big of an undertaking either!!

**Linda Cross:** Me, too. I'm glad you asked that question.

**Leah H. Franco:** What are your goals for yourself?

**Linda Cross:** My main goal on this lesson is to plan for the transfer of responsibility from me to the teacher. Last time, I planned for it but WE didn't plan for it and I wound up teaching more than I should have. This time I plan to write i

**Linda Cross:** it into the plan and stick to it. That is what I want to be checked on. Actually planning to scaffold and transfer that responsibility on each thing--the video, the digital camera, and the editing.

**Linda Cross:** Joe, have you thought of anything on this one?

**Joe Price:** Not right now you have both covered everything that I was thinking.

**Leah H. Franco:** Linda, do you know of anything else you want to say at this point?

**Linda Cross:** No, not unless ya'll have suggestions on the diverse learner thing.

**Linda Cross:** Maybe the diverse learner in this case will be the one that doesn't know how to use the cameras at all?

**Leah H. Franco:** Could be....I think we can transfer that over to the GT kids/??? No???