# Reflecting on Practice

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#### Goal of PCMI/TLP Reflecting on Practice

To disrupt your thinking about what "needs" to happen in your classroom.

Doesn't imply that you need/want/ought to change everything. We want you to be willing/able to examine your instructional choices to ensure they are aligned with learning goals for students.

### Leveraging Artifacts of Student Thinking

Our students are continually providing evidence of their thinking throughout the course of the school day and the academic year. We will be examining ways these physical records of their thinking can be viewed as a natural resource of classrooms, and better used to serve us as teachers and our students as learners.

Think about your classroom. What tangible residue of students' thinking exists there?

Generate as complete a list as possible of the various forms of artifacts that students create which provide you with evidence of their thinking.



Over our time together we are going to examine some possibilities for leveraging artifacts for student thinking to:

- ➤ benefit teachers in collaboration/conversation w/colleagues & to inform their own instruction
- > benefit students as individuals
- benefit the classroom community of all learners

- ➤ Warm Up/Do Now
- ➤ Homework
- ➤ Quizzes/Tests
- ➤ Projects
- ➤ Discussions
- ➤ Work on board (including VNPS)
- Classwork (group or individual; paper or digital)
- ➤ Exit Tickets/Slips

## Photos: Uses of Student Artifacts (your sticky notes)

#### http://bit.ly/portlandstickies

**Note:** click on the small images to view larger images so that you can actually read the sticky notes!



- ➤ Take a post-it.
- ➤ Write one idea for using a particular artifact of student thinking.
- ➤ Label the idea as more useful to students (S) or teachers (T).
- ➤ Stick it up and go again.



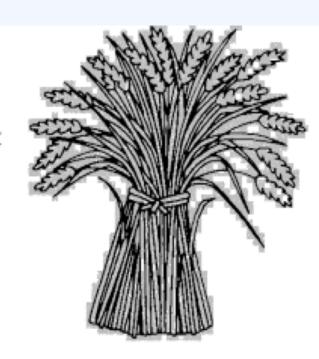
### Digging into Leveraging Artifacts of Student Thinking

Ways to better maximize value of artifacts to benefit teachers in collaborating with colleagues and for us as individuals.

Ways to better maximize value of artifacts to benefit students as individuals and as part of a community of learners.

#### The task at hand:

Farmer Granjero harvested a total of 300,000 bushels of wheat during a ten-year period. (A bushel is a unit of measure dating back to the 1200's and based on a basket. It is approximately equal to 8 gallons.) Farmer Granjero wants to make a table of values to convince people that he is a good farmer, and that his crop has increased by the same amount each year. Create a table for his crop harvest for this ten-year period.





Take the set of student work on the Farmer Granjero task, and spread it out on the table so everyone can see it all at once.



What could your colleague **notice** about this collection of student work?

What could your colleague **wonder** about this collection of student work?

Make a 2-column chart with your own noticing & wondering. Spend 3 minutes on your own.



Now take some time to scan the full range of student work provided.

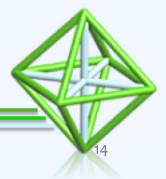
Select the student solution work that piques your <u>curiosity</u> the most.

Be prepared to explain why! Now find someone you have not yet spoken with and explain your selection.

#### At your table...

How is the process of looking at student artifacts together a professional learning experience for educators?

Use as evidence this and other experiences you may have had previously.



#### **Lenses for Looking**

We used a lens of "curiosity" to talk about the solutions.

What other lenses could you use at your table to look at student work? Call on your experiences when you examined student work with other teachers -- or -- what is a new lens that you haven't seen used?

#### **Lenses for Looking**

In talking about student work with colleagues 'lenses for looking' can provide a shared focus and a shared vocabulary.

They can also be used to maintain an equity stance and avoid/push back on deficit language.

https://tinyurl.com/TTConversation



### Artifacts of Student Thinking as a Formative Tool

"The central idea of formative assessment, or assessment for learning, is that evidence of student learning is used to adjust instruction to better meet student learning needs."

-Dylan Wiliam