CRAFTING MEANINGFUL RELECTIONS FOR ePORTFOLIO
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Evidence: Summary of Learning created in Prezi

OLTD Outcome Addressed: Share course-related learning with members of the course and greater educational community.

In order to show evidence of my learning in 506 I chose to share this Prezi presentation of my learning journey. I think that it provides a comprehensive overview of my thoughts and attitudes towards using social media in the classroom and how they have changed over the course of OLTD506.

Some of the major learning moments came for me in realizing just how open to risk I was, both in my personal use of social media accounts and in my teaching practice where my students use Weebly to maintain their own personal ePortfolio sites. I realize now that I need to adapt my practice to include mini-lessons on everything from saving a document to cyberbullying and ways to prevent it. Another major point that hit home was our discussions and readings on the digital divide. I had thought that my school had been successful in diminishing the digital divide for our students. Though we have made great gains, there is still much to learn and do in order to ensure that our students have access to technology and develop the knowledge and skills needed to be able to use it effectively. Finally, this project allows me to showcase my current attitude, which is that although a number of teachers won't take on the responsibilities and onerous background work that is required to safely and effectively use social media in the classroom, I still believe in the value of using social media in the classroom and feel that not only can I help to complete a lot of the foundational work for my district, but I can also become a leader in my field and help others understand what they need to know and do in order to be able to implement social media safely and responsibly in their classroom.

I think that this presentation effectively covers all of these points and more and I am proud to include it in my body of work. (I also think I'm getting better at creating and sharing these types of presentations – a further benefit of OLTD!)