

Discussion & Reflection Organizer

Unexpected Professional Development: Success

Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell

Sometimes, we can find amazing teacher development ideas from unexpected places. As you read the book *Outliers*, use this organizer to help you think about several education questions the book sparks. Use the space below for additional notes, doodles or favorite quotes.

1- Student Age

Q) How does age affect our students' academically and socially? How can we support our younger students?

A)

Q) Should we consider age when grouping students? Should we group by ability?

A)

2- Cultural Understandings

Q) How do our students interpret our communication? How do we interpret theirs?

A)

Q) Think back to one key moment when the “plane crashed” in your classroom? Was it a misunderstanding between you and a student?

A)

3- Summer Slide

Q) How do we encourage our students to continue learning through the summer or extended breaks when they don't “have to”?

A)

Q) How much impact do you think the “summer slide” has on your students?

A)