

INTERVIEW WITH A CHILD

Choose a science experiment/investigation which you have experienced and feel comfortable with and ask an elementary (P-6) child to share it with you. Prepare 8-10 questions ahead of time in order to introduce your child to the key ideas behind the experiment. You may vary this a great deal once your interview begins, as the student may take off in a different direction! However, it is good to have some structure in place before you begin and the questions you prepare will help you to become familiar with the experiment. Relax and have fun together.

Your paper should be comprised of two parts:

Part 1 - (a) introduction and overview, (b) the major portion of the conversation between yourself and the child during and after the experiment (questions and responses),

Part 11- your reflections on the interview: think about the kinds of answers and questions of the child compared to the "scientific" view of the answer. Respond to the questions: "Did I meet my objectives? Why or why not? Where would I go from here?"

EVALUATION:

Interview: Appropriate experiment/investigation for grade level

Your response to child's answers and actions

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Written reflection: - written response showing connection between the child's view and the scientist's view and the role of the teacher. (Did I meet my objectives? Where do I go from here etc.?) How can what I learned from this inform my teaching, my understanding of learning etc.?

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