

PUTTING TEACHING FOR UNDERSTANDING INTO PRACTICE

1. Consider your personal experience.
 - What engaged you as a learner?

 - What did your teachers do or not do to challenge your mind, encourage your thinking, and bring out your ideas?

 - Did you feel a sense of connection as a student, or did you feel marginalized?

2. Observe a student who has a different cultural background from yours.
 - Consider the way he or she engages with the learning. Be sure not to stereotype the child or generalize his experiences to others with similar backgrounds.

 - Ask yourself the following questions:
 - How do I feel when I am teaching this child?

 - What strengths does he or she bring from her home life?

