

My evidence piece for TRB standard 8 is my history resource fair presentation and evaluation. I created a poster on the Royal BC Museum that I presented to my classmates. The purpose of the resource fair was to provide my classmates with information and resources that they can use in their classrooms. Introducing this new resource to my classmates means that they have access to different activities, lesson plans, ideas, and resources that they may not have known about before. I learned that teachers learn from one another, and that there is no way for teachers to know everything. The more that we can help each other, the easier it will be for us in our future teaching roles. I also learned that there are a lot of different resources and ways of searching for information. It is valuable to know that there are many free lesson plans available to teachers online, and that we do not have to create everything ourselves.

My evidence piece does not address a specific learning theory, although the resource I chose does support inquiry based learning. The learning portal on the website allows students to create their own themes and have them published on the website. If students have specific questions on a particular topic, they can do their own research using the easy navigation tools, compile the resources they find onto their own page, and present it to their classmates. From a teaching perspective, this resource provides a safe online environment for students to do independent or small group work.

One strength of my evidence piece is that I had to prepare and present my chosen resource to my peers. Since we all chose a different resource to evaluate, they may not have been aware of the Royal BC Museum website and what it has to offer to teachers. By sharing my opinions and what I found on the website, my peers can determine whether or not they may want to use it in their future practice.

I think this TRB standard is important because it benefits everyone involved. When you help other educators, it solidifies your own learning, but others also gain knowledge from it. As a pre-service teacher, I think it is really important to learn from others who are already working in the field to learn about what works and what doesn't work. I also think this standard is important because we all want to be competent, effective teachers working in the field. If the process can be fast tracked by helping one another rather than having new teachers start everything from scratch, the results will greatly benefit the students.

As I gain more experience in the teaching profession, I plan to support new teachers by becoming a sponsor teacher. I also think it is important to share resources and collaborate with other teachers, which will be ongoing throughout my career. I believe that in all professions, there is always an element of learning and improving. Even when I become a more established teacher, I am sure that there will still be things that I need to learn and improve upon. If I can share my expertise and learn from others, I will ultimately improve my knowledge, skills, and attitude about teaching and learning.