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Standard Four: Content Knowledge

The teacher understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of the discipline(s) he or she teaches and creates learning experiences that make these aspects of the discipline accessible and meaningful for learners to assure mastery of the content.

Description:

Name of Artifact: Authors Study

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Course in which this artifact was produced: EDUC 233: Literacy Development through Children's Literature

Brief Description:

I researched an author (James Dean) and create a speech, a tri-fold board displaying the content as well as a handout containing the information. We then had an "Author Museum" where we gave a presentation to our class via zoom.

Rationale:

What is the artifact:

My artifact is my Authors Study. The purpose of this Authors Study is to educate my peers about the author James Dean who is known for writing the "Pete the Cat" series.

Why am I choosing this particular artifact for this standard? Why does it fit here?

Choosing this artifact for standard four makes sense because standard four focuses on content knowledge and how to effectively teach it. Through my authors study I was able to demonstrate my deep understanding of the content (James Dean) and how to convey it effectively to my peers, so they were able to gain knowledge about him.

How does this artifact relate to the standard as a whole or to a certain part of the standard?

This artifact relates to standard four as a whole by demonstrating the importance of teachers having a strong grasp of the subject matter they teach. By studying James Dean's books, I was able to personally gain a deep understanding of the themes, characters, and storytelling techniques in the "Pete the Cat" series. I used this deep understanding to then strengthen my speech, handout and trifold board but I can also use this knowledge in the future to then effectively teach reading and comprehension skills. InTasc standard four also focuses on how to convey content in a way that is engaging, meaningful and accessible. With that being said, I believe that the "Pete the Cat" series are highly engaging and relatable not just to young readers but also adults, making it a great way to capture an individual's interest and keep them motivated to assure mastery of the content the individual may be learning.

Image of my Authors Study trifold board:

