

Attribute Awareness Lesson Examples – Primary School

Attribute Awareness: Primary School — Teacher Talk

I chose to implement:	Teacher Talk.
Because:	It didn't involve any writing on the students' part.
Briefly Describe Activity:	I decided to concentrate on three Teacher Talk phrases: "What are some steps you could have taken?" "How did you contribute to that?" and "How did you create that result?" I put these three on a file card and carried it around with me for a week. I used one of these Teacher Talk phrases whenever I thought it was appropriate.
Student Reaction:	Many of my second graders looked shocked when I used this technique. Often I had to repeat the statement and occasionally explain it. I think they got it, though.
My Reaction:	It is hard work to help these young children take responsibility for their actions.
The next activity I will implement to put Attribute Awareness into effect:	Project Map.
Because:	It is visual and asks for thinking skills to be used.
I will do it by:	Before our next class meeting.

Attribute Awareness: Primary School — Control Factors

I chose to implement:	Control Factors.
Because:	It was simple and easy to explain to my first graders.
Briefly Describe Activity:	I had received a discouraging report from the substitute teacher. Several students made inappropriate choices. So I read her comments to my class. I then had them list factors they have no control over when a sub is here. We made another list of things over which they did have control.
Student Reaction:	Students responded as though they were getting in trouble. Although I worked hard to help them see I just wanted them to take a serious look at the situation.
My Reaction:	I was surprised they had trouble listing factors over which they had control. They do not seem to know where their power is.
The next activity I will implement to put Attribute Awareness into effect:	Teacher Talk.
Because:	I can use it quickly and often.
I will do it by:	I have already begun.