



Portfolio Activity 2.5

DEVELOPING A SOCIAL CONSTRUCTIVIST LESSON

Materials Needed:

- A video of an elementary or middle grade science lesson or a classroom that you can observe in person
 - Materials to develop and teach a lesson
 - Video equipment and video
 - The rating scale from Portfolio Activity 2.3
- A. Obtain a video of an elementary or middle grades science lesson or observe a teacher teaching a science lesson. Use the rating scale from Portfolio Activity 2.3 to evaluate the teaching. What could the teacher do

to make the lesson more consistent with the social constructivist view?

- B. Prepare your own lesson to teach a new concept to a child or to a group of peers. Make a video of yourself teaching the lesson. Use the rating scale found in Portfolio Activity 2.3 to analyze how well you employ constructivist approaches to teach the concept.
- C. How would you improve upon your lesson if you were to reteach it? Record your ideas in your portfolio.