Mid-Term Assignment: Teacher Interview and Reflections
You may give the teacher these questions in advance so he/she can be better prepared.

Part I - Teacher Interview
Meet with a teacher of your choice in Grades 2, 3, or 4 in a face-to-face meeting. Ask the questions below and prepare a typed paper with the teacher’s answers and your reflections.

In the abstract of the paper, include the name and position of the teacher, school name, when and where the interview was conducted, and how you know this teacher.

Teacher Questions (Include the questions in your paper.)
1. How long have you been teaching?
2. What grade levels and subjects have you taught?
3. What is the best part of teaching?
4. What are the greatest challenges for teachers?
5. What do you consider your greatest achievement as a teacher?
6. What do you consider your greatest disappointment as a teacher?
7. What are your non-teaching duties and time requirements for those duties?
8. What advice do you have for someone considering a teaching career?
9. Have you ever written a grant? If so, for what? Were you successful?
10. How do you utilize technology in your classroom or school?
11. Do you collaborate often with other teachers at your school? How is that collaboration beneficial?
12. To what professional organizations do you hold memberships?
13. How many hours of professional development does the state require for teachers? How do you obtain those hours?
14. What is the best professional development you have ever attended? How did it positively impact your teaching?
15. Do you or does the school test students to determine their learning styles or multiple intelligences? How is the information used?
16. How much time is spent teaching science and social studies at this grade level?
17. How important would you say the use of textbooks is in your classroom?
18. What resources do you use to supplement the textbook in your classroom?
19. Do you plan units of study that last for a period of time or is your curriculum primarily taught in day-to-day lessons?
20. If you could give a new teacher one classroom management tip, what would it be?
Part II - Reflections: (These questions and your answers should be included in your typed paper after Part I.)

1. What did you learn about the teaching profession from conducting this interview?

2. Based on this interview and your field experiences, in what areas do you need to grow professionally?

3. To what specific areas of the teaching profession are you most looking forward?