

1) Disciplinary Literacy in Mathematics

A. Types of questions:

- I. Description of the types of questions that are common in mathematics:
 - A. Are engaged through critical thinking
 - B. Can be answered or proven through mathematical process
 - C. Can be interpreted through multiple strategies
 - D. Open - ended
 - E. Quantitative
 - F. Use mathematical discourse and vocabulary
- II. Examples of such questions
 - A. "What method did you use to solve this problem?"
 - B. "Can you show the same answer in a different way?"
 - C. "Could you solve this word problem in more than one way? If so, what are the others way(s)?"
 - D. "What is the problem asking you to solve?"
 - E. "What is the total quantity of this set of data?"
 - F. "Can the solution be represented in a different quantitative form?"
 - G. "How did you come up with that answer? Explain."
 - H. "Why did you use multiplication, division addition or subtraction?"
 - I. "Did anyone solve this problem using a different method? If so, what method did you use?"
 - J. "How could you apply this game to a real world scenario other than the ones in the problems?"
 - K. "Why do you think solving word problems is important?"
- III. Citations from relevant sources

Moss, J., & Case, R. (1999). Developing children's understanding of the rational numbers: A new model and an experimental curriculum. *Journal for Research in Mathematics Education*, 30, 122-147.

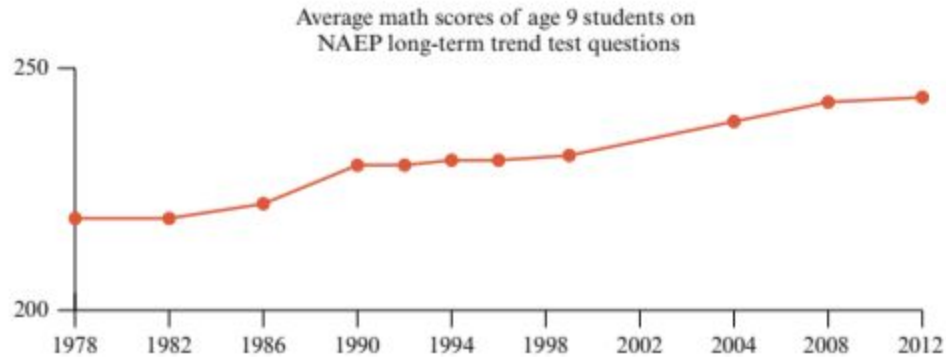
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B. Methods of Inquiry

- I. Description of the standards and expectations of how disciplinarians in your field answer their question.
 - A. Mathematics is the science of patterns. It consists of “codifying and observing abstract symbolic representations” (Schoenfeld).
 - B. Mathematicians are expected to communicate their results and findings. It is a social discipline.
 - C. Proving the answer is correct through measurement, formulas, graphs, charts, equations, and proofs.
- II. Citations for Relevant Sources
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- III. What does it look like?
 - A. Written explanations, written mathematics, proofs, formulas, graphs, charts, tables, equations, and proofs.
- IV. Citations from relevant sources

C. Types of texts

- I. Different disciplines value and engage with different types of texts, describe the range of texts valued in your disciplines. What are the characteristics of these texts? How are they produced?
 - A. Graphs
 - B. Line Graphs
 - C. Charts
 - D. Line Plots
 - E. Math textbook
 - F. Formulas
 - G. Scholarly articles created by mathematicians
- II. Give examples that illustrate what make these texts valued in your discipline.
 - A. Graphs, line graphs, charts, line plots and plots prove a change over time or show data.
 - B. Mathematics textbooks provide information on mathematics concepts and how to solve problems.
 - C. Formulas provide guidance on how to solve mathematical problems and equations.
 - D. Scholarly articles provide both general and specific information on the field of mathematics.
- III. Citations from relevant sources



Beckman, S. (2018). *Mathematics for elementary teachers with activities*. [Kindle version]. Retrieved from Amazon.com.

D. Disciplinary literacy practices

- I. What do disciplines actually DO with these texts
 - A. Analyze and find patterns
 - B. Produce conjectures or rules
- II. Give examples of these practices in detail
 - A. Mathematicians find patterns within mathematical equations and data to find connections in order to solve other problems and interpret data.
- III. Citations from relevant sources.

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2.) Ideas for teaching

a. Engaging Students in Cycles of Inquiry

- i. What specific ways can teachers engage students in authentic disciplinary cycles of inquiry (think back to the videos you've watched)
 - A. Teachers should focus on the importance of conceptual understanding of mathematical concepts rather than memorization and procedures. This way, students are able to problem-solve in new situations that would require more than just a basic understanding of operations. Moss and Case developed a program for developing strong conceptual understanding of rational numbers. It is as follows:
 - A greater emphasis on meaning rather than procedures when manipulating rational numbers.
 - A greater emphasis on proportional nature of rational numbers

- A greater emphasis on children's natural way of viewing problems
- The use of alternative forms of visual representations
- ii. What are the benefits and limitations of the specific examples you provide?
 - A. Students are able to gain an understanding of meaning that will construct a strong mathematical framework.
 - B. This promotes strong problem-solving skills
 - C. A limitation is the lack of regard for differentiated learning.
- B. Video on Pentominoes
 - Teacher engages students through an investigation to solve a problem
 - Students use manipulatives, such as pentominoes, to answer a question
 - The teacher blatantly states the goal of the lesson to the class

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Annenberg Learner. Classroom Case Students 3 - 5 Exploring Perimeter and Area. (Retrieved Oct. 2019)
<http://www.learner.org/courses/learningmath/measurement/session10/35video.html#>

b. Engineering and scaffolding success

- i. What specific ways have you seen teachers engineer and scaffold student's success as they invite them into disciplinary practices? (video may have some, but I imagine the articles will be more helpful here)
 - A. Asking guiding questions
 - B. Working through problems with collaboration
 - C. Provide students with a variety of mathematical texts to expose them to the discourse of the discipline (Borasi, Siegel, and Fonzi 1998).
 - D. Promote the use of relevant real world application
- ii. What are the benefits and limitations of the specific examples you provide?
 - A. The questions cannot give away the answer
 - B. Collaboration can be harmful if students are off task

Borasi, R., Siegel, M., Fonzi, J., & Smith, C. F. (1998). Using transactional reading strategies to support sense-making and discussion in mathematics classrooms: An exploratory study. *Journal for Research in Mathematics Education*, 29(3), 275-305.

