

Example of NBCT Reader Coach Questions for Questions

NBPTS Instructional Context Question

What are the relevant characteristics of this class that influenced your instructional strategies for this theme or topic of concern: ethnic, cultural, and linguistic diversity; the range of abilities of the students; the personality of the class?

Hypothetical Candidate Response

“The relevant characteristics of my class are that I have 60% Caucasian, 25% Hispanic, and 15% African-American students. 30% of students read on grade level and 15% are bi-lingual. 62% do not meet standards on the state test and 5% are on the honor roll. This class is active and cooperative.”

NBCT Reader Coach Questions about the Question

I can see you used part of the question in your response and you gave percentages for the suggested characteristics.

- How can you show evidence that you know your students’ characteristics and you select instructional strategies because of the characteristics of your students?
- Reread the question in your portfolio instructions to see if you answered all parts of the question and made the logical connections requested.
- How can you show the relevant characteristics that influenced your selection of instructional strategies?
- What instructional strategies did you select for this topic because 30% read on grade level? Did this work for the other 70%? If not, what did you select for the other 70%?
- What strategies did you select because of the ethnicity percentages you stated?
- What strategies did you select because 15% are bi-lingual or 62% did not meet state standards?
- What do any of these characteristics have to do with the choices you made for this theme or topic of concern?