The Fundamentals of Educational Dialogue - Student Reflective Journal

This reflective journal template will help you to focus and record your thinking and understanding, as it develops through the course. The questions and prompts are designed to help you. You do not need to answer all the questions. Below is the reflective journal template for Week 1 of the MOOC. Each week, we will provide you with a new template to complete. You can either keep these as separate documents or you can copy and paste the next week’s table into this document to keep all of your reflections together. At the end of the course, you will use these weekly reflective journals to complete your final Reflective Report and gain your certificate.

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| Your name: |  |
| Your school/institution: |  |
| Subjects you teach: |  |
| Age range of your students: |  |
| Course start date: |  |
| Course end date: |  |

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| Week 1: An introduction to educational dialogue |
| Pre-course reflection: What do you hope to get out of this course? |  |
| Notes on Core Reading from Week 1 |  |
| Notes on EduDialogue.org Website and Video Collection 1 |  |
| Reflect on how you thought through a problem recently. Try to write about it using the following prompts: |
| What mental steps did you take? |  |
| Can you identify any dialogue in these steps? |  |
| What can you learn from this exercise? |  |
| Thinking about your classroom… |
| What roles do language and dialogue play in teaching and learning in your classroom? |  |
| How far does your teaching follow the IRE/F model? |  |
| In what ways does your classroom already have some of the features of educational dialogue described on the Edudialogue.org website? |  |
| Which features are not so evident in your classroom? |  |
| Thinking about the learners in your classroom, in what ways do they think? Do they use any dialogic processes in their thinking?  |  |
| Using your notes above, write approximately 300 words summarising your reflections for this week. At the end of the course, you will use these reflective journals to complete your final **Reflective Report** and gain your certificate. |
| Write your reflection here: |