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Reflection #7

### Peer Tutoring

After the success of my neighborhood map activity, the next order of business was to edit the scary stories that were hopefully improved by the activity by teaching the students how to properly workshop. To start off the period, I told everyone to get into groups of four and I handed out workshop sheets for them to fill out after they read through their classmate's story. They all seemed to follow the directions correctly, except there were a few students that took the opportunity to edit as nap time. I promptly went over to them and got them started, and even though they probably didn't receive the amount of feedback that other students may have received, at least they participated. Anyway, the biggest reflection that I have to this lesson is not how smoothly the workshop went or how fast the period went because of the continuous checking up on each group in the class. The biggest reflection I have is what was said to me at the very end... something that I will never forget.

As I was circling groups, I came across a group that obviously wasn't struggling. Three of the four members did not have finished rough drafts, the one who had a rough draft was only a page long, and two of them didn't even have anything written down to start. I knew that I was entering some tense territory, but I jumped right in and helped them start. At first I asked what their interests were to base their story off of and then I asked them what scares them. They of course said, "I don't know," but as they thought about it, they all finally were able to nail down a topic to write about. While I was doing this student by student, a girl tapped me on the shoulder. The rest of the dialogue is what I'll always remember...

"Is this your first time teaching... like as a student teacher?"

*"Yes. Well, pre-service teaching, but yes this is my first time in a legit classroom."*

"Oh. Ok."

*"Why?"*

**"Oh, I was just wondering, because you're really good at this... a lot better than other student teachers I have ever had."**

*"... Thanks."*

I realized something that I wasn't so sure about the past year. I have chosen the right profession... and I couldn't be happier.