

The Tft Tips Trio

REFLECTION USING TFT ESSENTIAL PRACTICES

In Tft design, we often look for opportunities where “1+1=3”...moments where a combination of ideas or practices yield a better result than just the sum of the pieces. This weeks’ tips pair up Tft essential practices with some of our favorite, tried and true reflection prompts, with the hope that combining these practices will invite, nurture, and empower deeper learning and self-awareness in the learners.

- 1 Habits of Learning:** Use the “directional prompts” with the Habits of Learning:
 - a. Backwards Looking, Which Habit of Learning did you practice in this learning?
 - b. Inward Looking: How did that Habit of Learning shape the experience for you?
 - c. Forwards Looking, What Habit of Learning will you focus on for our next steps?
 - d. Outward Looking: What Habit of Learning did you see someone else practicing?
- 2 Long-term Learning Targets:** With the long-term learning target for the unit as their starting point, invite students to reflect on their learning with the prompt *I used to think...but now I think...OR I used to feel...but now I feel...*
- 3 Storyboards:** Invite students to do a “gallery walk” with a partner of the classroom storyboard, and add *buds*, *blossoms*, and *thorns* to reflect on their learning:
 - a. Buds, moments where they were just beginning to understand something
 - b. Thorns, moments where they were frustrated or challenged
 - c. Blossoms, the part of the learning they were most proud of or enjoyed most