

Assignment Option One: Vygotsky in the Classroom Teacher Guide and Checklist

Using information from the text, the white paper by Children's Progress (note: this focuses on early childhood!) and other sources, you are to create a user friendly teacher guide and checklist for teachers. Use the white paper by Children's Progress as a guide, as it includes excellent information as well as an easy to follow checklist.

Requirements:

1. Gear the guide to a specific age group and content area – this can also be used for college students and athletes!
2. Have a comprehensive introduction
3. Define ZPD and Scaffolding in language that your intended audience could understand
4. Use graphics and pictures
5. Use specific examples
6. Describe students who would be below, at, or above grade level in your particular area
7. Discuss the benefits of scaffolding
8. Describe how to determine students' ZPDs
9. Create a Checklist: Am I teaching in the ZPD? In table format!
10. Include a reference page – 5 source minimum (your textbook and the white paper can be included as sources)
11. Edit for technical writing – we cannot give teachers, students, or parents materials with errors!
12. Three page minimum
13. Have fun! You will want to use this in the future.

As you can see, these are the elements as the white paper – you can use specifics from this paper, but you can't simply cut and paste. You must also be sure to adjust your information so it would work for your specific audience.