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When I learned that we were to teach Literature in our clinicals, I had mixed feelings. I had a general idea on how I believed it was taught or should be taught. I tried to remember back to how my previous teachers had done it. I tried to apply what I thought was effective. I was a little nervous because if I screw up my students would be taught bad habits, and would be counterproductive. I was lucky enough to have my teacher Mr. Emory provide me a basal reader. He said I could either use it word for word or I could put some of my own input or research into it. For some lessons I would use the basal reader word for word. Other times I would come with completely different lesson plans. After observing, and then experiencing teaching of Literature, I feel more comfortable, but still need lots of improvement.

Every subject that a student is required to take in school is important. I would say that they are all equally important, but I do believe that language arts is a tiny bit more important than others. Not saying that the others are devalued, this just shows the importance of language arts. With language art, you become a better writer, reader, speaker, and I believe listener. Think of how often in your daily life that you write, read, and speak vocally. Without these skills life would be much harder. Not only will you use these skills in Language Arts, but also in the other classes the students are taking. I

believe in every class, including physical education, that there should be time given to write, read, and articulate information. I know I will encounter students who don't enjoy the subject, I will try my best to find a topic that they are interested in and relate it to language arts for them. Grabbing the students attention is key, this is no different. I personally don't read as much as I would like. Part of that is that I work 30 hours a week, while going to school full time. There isn't much downtime to relax and enjoy reading. Once I graduate and have more time, I hope to get into a steady flow of books. My goal for my future students is even if they don't enjoy the subject, to at the very least give their best effort, and try to learn to like it.