

Summary of learning transcript – Jacquie Ehrmantraut

way back in January I thought I knew some stuff about designing for online and Blended learning because I'd been thrown into the tech debend and was able to tread water while teaching through covid I was mistaken uh and although I did learn some things in teaching through COVID that was just an extreme version of survival mode um and now I understand obviously the why and the how and I'm able to enhance learning in a blended or online classroom model because of these five elements

creating a Blog was totally new to me I didn't know where to begin so I just followed Katia's suggestions and having those conversations in the early stages of this class was really helpful. A walkthrough on how to add links and pictures so I felt pretty accomplished after publishing my first blog and one thing um I will add is that I kept my blog pretty simple and basic for this class as I wanted to explore some other Tech tools but this is definitely an area of focus for any future Ed tech classes that I will take

As we know in education we love acronyms and my acronym Rolodex got a few additions. I didn't even know what Blended learning was let alone things like moocs. My notion of online learning was a little bit different and by different I mean limited like really limited prior to discussions and readings I didn't even know the difference between online or Blended learning I also didn't know what an LMS was although I had used one in a couple

education settings before. I eventually had the knowledge to be able to be critical about my division's use of teams as an LMS once I knew what a proper LMS is and does. It's hard to be critical of all you've ever known but again I learned about different LMS platforms like Canvas OR brightspace and I would love to explore those further. I wonder if my division will ever use any of these in the future.

For my prototype I took something I already had knowing that I always Shuffle content find new content and generally change pre-existing units and this project was a significant portion of my learning experience in this course. I was really going to focus on using tools learned through 834 which is going to be a really steep learning curve for me and it was but I also got really invested in creating my own learning curve and experimenting and experiencing canva which ended up being really beneficial for any of my future Master's classes, for personal use, and my own classroom content or assignments because there truly are endless possibilities with this tool. Peer feedback that was one of the highlights for me of this assignment I noted in my final blog post how zooming out from her own work and having someone else zoom in is really beneficial and that was the case with peer feedback I received some constructive feedback that positively affected the final product of my modules and of my course the constructive feedback influenced some critical revision of both small scope and larger scope of my modules and of my course in general. I had to take a deeper look at what I was doing in the

course and more importantly how I was doing it and rethinking that a little bit. Additionally seeing how other platforms are being used when conducting the peer feedback and commenting on blog posts was a learning experience too. Again, with learning to be critical of the LMS my division uses, I often thought how I would prefer other platforms I was navigating during the peer feedback process.

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uh in looking at prototypes that were similar to mine in content and audience uh particularly shayna's which I learned a lot from

um and any higher ed course um I really loved following their creation process and seeing how the same course in the case of Sheamus can look so different depending on who's teaching it I was really intrigued by the LMS platforms they were using the tech tools they chose to utilize throughout the course for either student engagement or for delivery or supplemental learning this can obviously also be applied to the creation of courses that weren't similar to mine it was really interesting to watch those grow and flourish as well um and lastly knowing what it took to put the prototypes together I was actually really invested in making sure my peers prototypes were whole free um and really wanting them to succeed in producing a great final product for their prototype project xyp will definitely be something I will play around with when returning to work it's great for any classroom model and it's great playing tool for teachers in terms of efficiency incorporating Tech tools but also pursuing engagement and having those strategic and embedded pause

points when using video was definitely an AI Plus in the classroom classroom as for AI I was pretty scared of it initially but after discussing it and seeing the possibilities with it during our classes and discussions I'm going to take a positive perspective for now and use this new to me technology to plan for me and my students I already have ideas floating around in my head for different assignments I'd like to see if it can create in a couple ways I would like students to use it probably was something I chose in the discussion category when we chose a Tech Tool and I chose parlay uh having in mind my staple discussions and wanting to revamp those I quickly became a quote-unquote expert um in order to explain it to others which also resulted in me really liking the tool um and ended up using it in my prototype so I'm glad that worked out using videos to Jazz up and supplement learning and engagement it's something I knew about but I was typically removed from the engagement of the actual video showing the movie a YouTube video created by someone else Etc I think there's Great Value in the visuals and having other messengers of content like using the different videos we looked at like the vlogbrothers teachers on Tick Tock uh TED talks and so on I think I'll use a mix of videos created by others and created by me and using videos in different ways such as hyp which will enhance the use of videos in my classroom and I like that we looked at different examples of these uh reviewed them for purpose in the classroom and for our own classroom and also had the opportunity to actually make videos for our assignments as a means of practice and lastly canva I kept seeing canva use

in classrooms on Tick Tock so that's where I kind of got inspired um and although it was a big learning curve there really are endless possibilities for how to use this in my classroom uh so this is something I'm going to explore when personalizing those AI created lessons uh I'll be using an interaction with other students and instructor is always beneficial I personally learn best this way and listening to people's real world experiences as Educators the questions and articles brought up and Spark some really great conversations on classmates opinions understandings and pedagogies from funny headlines to thought-provoking questions of equity and online interaction in the text media selection was important chapter because since our options have expanded from this course it becomes more pertinent that we know which media to use and for what uh in our classrooms the ADI model is probably second nature to most of us when planning but for me I like having this brought to the Forefront of my mind with going forward with new tech tools learned in this class that I'll be using in my technology-based Blended classroom finally I appreciate the explanation of course design of either loose or strong structure connecting to the strong structure model because in the grades I teach I specifically sequence content for students based on a mandated curriculum and to make this choice for students who even at 18 come without Independent Learning skills sometimes and lastly because of just the sheer volume of students in each class it's necessary in order to control my workload in contrast to the high need for individual support in a loose structured design