Globalization Lesson Reflection

Description: I had to create a Globalization (Popular Culture and Conflict) Social Studies lesson with two of my classmates at the University of Akron for our Curriculum and Instruction Graduate Course. We taught this lesson for a 10th Grade AP Human Geography class at the former Garfield High School in Akron, Ohio. The lesson we created taught and educated the students on how technology and Globalization affects popular culture in China and in other parts of the world. The formative assessments that we used consisted of clicker technology (KAHOOT), that allows students to use their cell phone to answer questions and interact and engage in the learning. The summative assessment assignment allowed students to use technology (computers, Sony Bloggie cameras, and the internet to access the blog (Weebly.com). This lesson also aligns well with the ISTE Technology Standards for both Coaches and Students.

Impact: Creating lessons with technology integration allows students to stay engaged in the learning versus direct instruction whereby teachers just lecture and have their students read the text. Without the use of technology, lessons and the content would be boring. Technology projects also allows students to work in groups to make the learning activity fun and enjoyable. Technology allows students to be more creative with creating projects which in turn enhances student learning. Computers give students the opportunity to use the internet and web-based resources, such as blogs and web tools.

Intent: Our intent when creating this lesson was to allow students who normally do not get the chance to use technology in their classrooms, to actually get a chance to participate and create projects by way of on hands learning. We also wanted to play our part by taking an effort to eliminate the digital divide that exists throughout urban communities and in public school systems. Preparation of educators in all technology areas is critical to the task of contributing to and improving academic achievement levels. Implementing technology into lessons helps to create a visual component that is sometimes missing in books and lectures. Technology enhanced lessons are idea for all your audio and visual learners.