ED 219 Creative Arts in Teaching

Assignment #1–Paper “Why Are Creative Arts Important in the Elementary Curriculum”

**Content**

For this assignment you will write an essay discussing your beliefs about why creative arts are important and necessary to be included as part of regular instruction in the elementary school curriculum. You should cite *at least five sources* in the body of your paper from the links provided to you on Moodle, but it is certainly appropriate to cite more than. Please note that information you may learn from the Alabama Arts Course of Study may be used as a source of information.

Use the rubric for this assignment to complete a self evaluation. You will need to copy and paste the completed rubric to your word doc BEFORE you submit the assignment to Turnitin.

In the body of your paper include

* What is included in the creative arts
* How the inclusion of the arts may benefit students social/emotional, physical, and cognitive development
* How the inclusion of the arts may benefit students in making connections across the curriculum and how the inclusion of the arts may prove another way for students to demonstrate academic learning across the curriculum
* Your personal experiences with creative arts as a student in school-what are things you remember about creative arts and your experiences with them? What kinds of programs did your elementary school have? Did you participate in creative arts classes in high school? How did these experiences help you and/or impact you as a person?

**Format**

* Use APA formatting (one inch margins, double spaced, Times New Roman 12 point font, reference page, in-text source citations, etc.) If this is an unfamiliar style to you, google Purdue OWL. It is an excellent source for all APA formatting questions.
* The paper should be no longer than five pages in length.

**Grammar/Style, etc.**

* Your paper should reflect work appropriate of a college student and be grammatically correct and free of spelling errors, etc.

**Grading**

Papers will be submitted to Moodle through Turnitin. Please remember that plagiarism is an honor code violation and will be treated as such. Your work will be graded against the attached rubric that will reflect the items outlined in the Assignment #1 directions.