Grand Conversations about Learning, Literacy, Life and Love

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Why me?

Why conversations?

Why stories?

40 Years of Progress: 1957-1997
Big Book Project/Language Experience Approach (LEA)
Much more of this project is available at

Welcome to my Real World, from Critical Pedagogy: Notes from the Real World, 3/e available in October

What is pedagogy?

What is Critical Pedagogy?
   To name; to reflect critically; to act
   Meaningful
   Purposeful
   Relevant
   Respectful
Where did it come from?

How do you do it?
   A caring heart and a critical eye
   Courage and patience
   Time. Time. Time.

What teachers taught me?

Buttercup and Power

When you go inside of that power, there’s no fear. It’s so beautiful. There’s no fear there. There’s no pain.
   Wallace Black Elk, Lakota

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