

## Group Reflection

Group A

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This is my second time to study course about shared virtual learning environment. My last time study just require me to write a plan to develop a virtual learn community. But this time I need to create a prototype of shared virtual learning environment. It is quite interesting, but also challenging for me and my group members.

At the beginning of the course, all of our group members are attracted by the virtual world in the Active Worlds. However, it is difficult for me and my group members to understand how this virtual world can help students to learn, it is just like a game building engine I saw before. Also, as all of us have no experience in creating objects in virtual environment, so we spent most of our attention to learn how to operate and create objects in the Active Worlds. Fortunately, all of our group members are nice, helpful and hard working, they are all willing to share and helping each other, therefore our virtual world can be complete in schedule.

However, as we focus too much in building objects in the Active Worlds, we ignored the framework of a successful virtual learning environment should include learning tasks, learning resources and learning supports. But finally, with the guidance of our tutor, we start to understand what we are missing and work hard to build a Google Site to support the virtual learning environment. After that, we understand what a virtual learning environment is about. It is not merely a virtual place for students to walk around and play. Instead, it is a well planned place by teacher, with different tasks and learning materials for students to learn collaboratively. Now, we understand that task design, instruction and learning support are the most important elements in the virtual learning environment. With these elements, I believe that students will enjoy their learning in the virtual world.

Finally, no matter the final result of our group assignment is good or not, I am still proud of our group members for their co-operation and efforts to complete the group assignment at the busiest time in the school year. I hope that we have chance to learn together in next school year.