Portraits of Teachers:
Five Perspectives on Teaching Adult Learners

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These concepts center on
designing for events that directly engage learners in
dealing with genuine problems or situations
while reflecting critically on these experiences
in interaction with others.”

Reed & Marienau, 2008, p. 62
Pratt’s Five Perspectives

- Transmission
- Apprentice
- Developmental
- Nurturing
- Social Reform
### Five Perspectives & Five Elements

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Additional Resources

- **The Teaching Perspectives Inventory**
  [HTTP://TEACHINGPERSPECTIVES.COM/](http://teachingperspectives.com/)

- **DePaul’s Center to Advance Education for Adults**
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