

# Knowing Teachers

Name  Mentor

Grade Level/Subject Area  Date

*Note: Begin with any category.*

Guiding Questions	Notes
<p><b>Vision of Effective Teaching</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider your best/favorite teacher. What teaching qualities did that person have?</li> <li>• What kind of classroom environment and community do you want to create?</li> <li>• What is the impact you hope to have on your students?</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Pre-Service/Prior Career</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is your educational background? Prior career experience?</li> <li>• What prior experience do you have working with English Learners or students with exceptionalities?</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Subject Matter and Pedagogy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are your subject matter/content area strengths?</li> <li>• What have you found effective for supporting academic language development? For engaging students?</li> <li>• What role does assessment play in how you plan instruction?</li> <li>• In what areas would you like to deepen your learning?</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Preferences for Learning and Collaborating</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is your preferred style of communicating about logistics (phone, text, email)?</li> <li>• How would you describe your learning preference(s)?</li> <li>• What are the best times/days to meet?</li> <li>• How comfortable are you receiving feedback on your teaching practice?</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Personal Context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What's important to you about work-life balance?</li> <li>• What are some of the personal interests?</li> <li>• How does your home, school, and community background influence your educational vision and practice?</li> </ul>	

