Week 14! April 20 to April 26

The homestretch!

And finally, the end is in sight! Your last assignments:
1. After reviewing the feedback from your response partner, revise your unit.
2. Self-assess your unit using the unit scoring guide (in the Resources section). Add any discussion that will help us understand your self-assessment and/or your unit.
3. Self-assess your class participation and reflective writing work, using the posted scoring guides.
4. Write a reflective paper (1-3 pages) that answers the following questions:
   a. How will your unit help create a culture of quality in your classroom?
   b. Discuss your hopes and fears about teaching this unit.
   c. How does the integration of technology strengthen this unit? Justify your technology integration in light of Oppenheimer’s criticism of technology use in schools.

You will find two different resources that give Todd Oppenheimer’s perspective on technology use in schools. For those of you who do not know, Todd Oppenheimer is an investigative journalist who wrote The Flickering Mind in October of 2003. In his book he argues that technology has done far more harm than good in education. There is a Q. and A. format interview in the Resources section as well as an article entitled The Computer Delusion from the July 1997 issue of Atlantic Monthly. The 1997 article, though a bit dated, provided the impetus for Oppenheimer’s 2003 book. Read one or both resources to get your blood pumping and to provide some background information for the last part of your reflective paper about technology integration.
This might seem redundant, based on your last reflection about the technology use in your unit, but I am looking for your thoughts based on your final unit design which should have gone through much change by now. Take the time to write carefully, paying attention to not only conventions, but to the inclusion of course theories and knowledge to support your ideas.

*Email your final revised unit, your self-assessment, and your reflective writing to me by April 26th. This deadline is firm.*