

Personal Reflection – July 16, 2023

The Backstory Is Infinite

A major practice and principle of Dialogue Education is The Learning Needs and Resources Assessment: know the learners before you start to teach; conduct an LNRA – ‘Elinor Ray’! (with credit to Dwayne Hodgson).

I realized last week that I had to perceive the story the learners told of themselves through the lens of my own personal life-experience. I had to! As I tried to explain this new realization to my friend, I said: *The back story is infinite.*

Yes indeed!

Our respect for each learner is based on our understanding of *the back story being infinite.*

Wow!

--by Jane Vella