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A Tri-State Study of Middle School Teachers' Perceptions of Generation Alpha Students: Are Middle Schools Ready for "Generation Glass"

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Establishing Social Presence through Online Interactions: A Case Study in a Literacy Clinic

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Money Matters to All Students

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Prison Bars & Bird Cages: Conducting an Arts-Based Participatory Research Project with Undergraduate Women in STEM

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Interaction via Moodle for Teaching and Learning: Perceptions of Lecturers and Students

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Teachers Doing Action Research, Learning and Changing: Claims and Practicality

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The Zuni Pueblo: Connections through Student Inquiry Projects

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