

Presenting the Final Commentary

Typically final comments for a research lesson last between 15-40 minutes and follow a sequence:

1. **Thank the instructor and team.** Begin with appreciations to the instructor and team, noting that their willingness to open up their classroom teaching build the education profession.
2. **Start with lesson strengths.** Share one or more strengths of the lesson. Note what you learned from the lesson plan and instruction.
3. **Dive deeper.** After sharing a few positive learnings, dive deeper into the content area, observations of students, the lesson design, or another entry point that is key, given your observations.
4. **Target growth.** Understanding the team's aspirations—and giving a purposeful and reachable next step—is what distinguishes great commentary. What will help this team grow? Ideally, team members should feel they have learned something important from your commentary, and should be eager to act on what they've learned and to continue lesson study.
5. **Thank the instructor, team, and observers again.** Express gratitude for the learning made possible by the instructor and team, who generously opened up their practice.

