

Figure 4.2   Collaborative Inquiry Guide for a Worthwhile Lesson			
Worthwhile lessons rest on three sources: standards and curricular goals, content, and student needs. Use the inquiry guide to learn and assess how well a lesson reflects all three.			
<b>Is the Lesson Tied to a Standard and a Curricular Goal?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Somewhat</b>	<b>No</b>
The lesson contributes to an important curriculum goal or an important state or national standard. <i>Explain your choice:</i>			
The lesson makes clear to students how it fits into their learning trajectory for this curricular outcome to help them make progress by meeting both the curricular and student needs. <i>Explain your choice:</i>			
The lesson elicits evidence of content knowledge, skills, and reasoning processes that both students and teachers can use to help feed students forward along this trajectory. <i>Explain your choice:</i>			
<b>Is the Lesson Content Worthwhile?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Somewhat</b>	<b>No</b>
The lesson develops essential knowledge, skills, and reasoning processes students need for future learning in this discipline. <i>Explain your choice:</i>			
The lesson builds on discipline-specific content knowledge, skills, and reasoning processes students mastered in prior lessons to meet both the content requirements and the student needs. <i>Explain your choice:</i>			
<b>Does the Lesson Meet Students' Needs?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Somewhat</b>	<b>No</b>
The lesson presents an appropriately increased level of challenge or sophistication—does not simply repeat yesterday's lesson—to meet both the content requirements and the students' needs. <i>Explain your choice:</i>			
The lesson requires students to do, make, say, or write something that they clearly see develops their understanding and gives evidence of it while meeting curricular goals and students' needs. <i>Explain your choice:</i>			
The lesson acknowledges and supports diversity in students' readiness and ability to master the particular content knowledge, skills, and reasoning processes at this level of challenge. <i>Explain your choice:</i>			