Bortons' (1970) framework

This reflective model is very simple and often used as the first step on the ladder of the reflective practitioner. This model encompasses three simple questions to be asked of the experience or activity to be reflected on, what? So what? Now what? Jasper (2003) Endorses the use of this model by novice practitioners and students as this model allows novices to reflect in the "real world of practice" (Jasper 2003, p99), therefore allowing novices to be analytical of their developing practice.

Jasper M (2003). Beginning reflective practice. Cheltenham: Nelson thorn

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Bortons' Model of reflection

What?
Examples
This is the description
What was the problem?
What was my role?
What happened?
What did I do?

So What? Examples

This is the analysis

What was so important about this experience?

What did I learn?

Now What?

This is the Synthesis

Now what do I need to do?

Now what might be the consequences of my actions?

Now what do i do to resolve the situation/make it better/improve my patients care?