LA 2.2 Connecting Cross-Linguistic Transfer and Literacy

Learning Outcome
Employ theories of acquisition of a primary and new language in instruction.
Assessment: 25 pts. TA: 30 Minutes

Pedagogical Intent
Teachers can use these understandings from the reading and discussion to improve their instruction for L2 learners they teach.

Student Position
Students discussed issues of first and second language development. They now reflect on second language literacy models, theories and brain research including the concept of cross-linguistic transference.

Instructions
1. Divide into heterogenous groups of three, mixing elementary and secondary educational professionals. Each student in the group should read one of the articles and report back to the group on the content. Some of these concepts just need to be reviewed, some are new. Pay special attention to the concept of cross-linguistic transference.
   - A: Bilingual Brains and the Educated Mind
   - B: The Cross-Linguistic Transfer of Early Literacy Skills
   - C: Bilingual Brains, Scientific Brains, and the Educated Mind

2. As students discuss the issues they studied, they will create a Venn Diagram to show the way elementary and secondary educational professionals can better support each other in strengthening the literacy development of their first and second language learners.
   - What are ways do you support each other now?
   - How can this process be improved?
   - What should the role of principals, coaches, counselors, and teachers be in strengthen the literacy development of their students?