

Thongs I've Seen (or Portrait of a Single-Subject Credential)

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The university supervisor in the back row of JFK High School classroom #32B
to monitor scripted lectures by future teachers from Credential College
takes in rainbow view of high-flying thongs inching *On Gossamer*
toward state exit exam graduation prepared for *Hanky Panky*
the real *DKNY* World History appears perilously
too close in *Levi's* form and substance to
those sapphire *Jordache* jeans stuck on my Jefferson Junior High 1980's pink hips
tightened by pair of pliers tilting *Chic* stiff into chilly metal chair-desks
there's nothing that comes between me and my *Calvin Kleins*
transcribing chalkboard notes about immoral Soviet bloc's
tenacity to confine *Gloria Vanderbilts* with ICBMs
threat of mutually assured destruction, *Bonjour*.
Terrifying modern *Citizens of Humanity* are unidentified explosive objects, insurgents
there defined for ELLs and labeled others to memorize yet dub reflection, inquiry
"take out your journals" not conceiving *FeLina* brains-comfort-style trinity
teacher education mirrors Generals' policies, checklists, meeting agendas
transformative peoples' history allied with regional knowledge I'm
told by fearful camouflaged tenured superiors would be
tantamount to *Jezebel* not in line with NCATE.
Today's eye-patches peeking out from '70s retro style low-rise *SevenForAllMankind* jeans
tell me what Joplin wore under denim still able to sing blues, *Blue 2, Blue Cult*
time-warped *Silver* desks now facing whiteboard notes on terrorism
thorny distrust of higher education radical multiculturalists
tinnitus effect from *Lucky Brand* public announcements
tangled Mr. Mackey voice promoting clubs akin to
"teens against dysfunctional families, mmkay?"

Textbook-driven, andro-, Euro-centric *Ralph Lauren* standards of beauty westernized
 triangulate origins, sizes, outcomes, *Victoria's Secret* measured Caucasus *Mudd*
 tethered, partial, hanging on in quiet desperation is the English way
 tests for *Liz Claiborne* mystify any Black Atlantic sensibilities
 timelines of *Paris Blues* push & pull factors, U.S. frontiers
 teasing *O'Neill* with elastic opportunities endless
 tinsel, twinkle, *Cosabella*, *Princy*, *JLO*
 tricky assessing pre-packaged
 twisting, tugging *Guess* to stay awake for DOE mandated ETS validated curriculum urging
 teenagers' obedience to IMF, NYSE, markets, micro, macro, *!iT*, *Split*, *Roxy* economies
 trend eclipses movement to be seen as emerging women, companionship with boys
 teetering on adulthood in *Gap/GapBody* of class, race, gender social inequalities
 trim budgets of Program Improvement Schools only motivation through fear
 taxed recompensive strength discounts "responsive K-16 campus climates"
 tentative town/gown partnerships fashion show catwalk for accreditation
 thwart teamwork with hulking uneven mix of student teaching sites
 then I'm briefed by *Wrangler* master teacher on how well our
 trainee teacher met state content standards #10.9-10.11
 there's nothing that's quite your own, yet this is you
 TSWBAT analyze the causes of the Cold War
 timed instruction to maximize potential
 technologies used were appropriate
 theory not needed for practice
 typical of those feminists
 this school its goals on
Target benchmarks
 thinking tapered
 threadbare
 taut.

