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Supplementary Articles for Classroom Use

Failure Syndrome Students

"Failure syndrome" is one of several terms that teachers commonly use (others include "low self-concept," "defeated," and "frustrated") to describe students who approach assignments with very low expectations of success and who tend to give up at early signs of difficulty. Psychologists have described this phenomenon as "learned helplessness," a slightly more technical definition but referring to a similar pattern of behavior. Unlike students of limited ability, who often fail despite their best efforts, failure syndrome students often fail needlessly because they do not invest their best efforts--they begin tasks half-heartedly and simply give up when they encounter difficulty. This Digest delineates the nature of the problem, suggests strategies for coping with failure syndrome students, and discusses how teachers can help.

Teaching about the Louisiana Purchase

The year 2003 marked the bicentennial of the 1803 Treaty of France, by which the United States of America acquired the Louisiana Territory, an area of more than 828,000 square miles. Upon this acquisition, known as the Louisiana Purchase, the territory of the United States doubled. Historians consider the Louisiana Purchase to be a landmark event or turning point in American history. This Digest discusses (1) President Jefferson's decision to purchase the Louisiana Territory, (2) the significant consequences of this decision in American history, and (3) methods of teaching about the Louisiana Purchase.

Hispanic-American Students and Learning Style

This digest identifies cultural values that may impact the learning processes of Hispanic-American students, reviews the research on the learning styles of Hispanic-American students, and discusses the implications of this research for counseling and teaching Hispanic youth.

The Warning Signs of Learning Disabilities

Something's not quite right about Johnny. He seems bright enough, but often his performance or behavior falls short of expectations. He can do some things very well, but in other ways is behind his peers. Is he simply lazy? Does he just need to try harder? This digest summarizes some of the common warning signs of learning disabilities for children and youth.

Web Spotlight

CAL News

www.cal.org/about/calnews/index.html

CAL News is a new electronic newsletter created to provide periodic updates about CAL projects, research, and programs, as well as information about new publications, online resources, products and services of interest to language teachers.

CIAESC Staff Development Events

Using Microsoft Excel

Friday, October 5, 2007, 9 am - 12 pm

Center for Adult Learning Leadership, 705 E. Lincoln Street, Normal, IL 61761

Vocabulary

Friday, October 5, 2007 and Friday, November 2, 2007, 9 am - 12 pm

Black Hawk College East Campus, 229 S. Main Street, Kewanee, IL

Graphs and Charts

Saturday, October 6, 2007, 9 am - 12 pm

Carl Sandburg College, 305 Sandburg Drive, Carthage, IL 62321

The 10-Minute Interview

Tuesday, October 9, 2007, 2 pm - 3 pm

Online using Horizon WIMBA

Learning Styles

Tuesday, October 9, 2007, 12 pm - 1 pm

Online using Horizon WIMBA

Horizon WIMBA Walk-Through

Wednesday, October 10, 2007, 10 am - 11 am

Online using Horizon Wimba

Reviewing the NAAL Results

Wednesday, October 10, 2007, 1 pm - 2 pm OR 6pm - 7 pm

Online using Horizon

Websites for Low-Level ESL Learners

Thursday, October 11, 2007, 10 am - 11 am

Online using Horizon Wimba

Horizon WIMBA Walk-Through

Thursday, October 11, 2007, 2 pm - 3 pm

Online using Horizon Wimba

Graphs and Charts

Friday, October 12, 2007, 9 am - 12 pm

Spoon River College, 23235 North County 22, Canton, IL 61520

Best PLUS Refresher

Friday, October 12, 2007, 1 pm - 4 pm

Heartland Community College, 1500 West Raab Road, Normal, IL 61761

Horizon WIMBA Walk-Through

Wednesday, October 17, 2007, 10 am - 11 am

Online using Horizon Wimba

Quick Writes

Wednesday, October 17, 2007, 1 pm - 2 pm OR 6pm - 7 pm

Online using Horizon WIMBA

There are no registration fees for these workshops. Go to our online calendar at www.cait.org/ciaesc for complete descriptions of these workshops and other Fall, 2007 events.

