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Supplementary Articles for Classroom Use

The New Literacies

Are YOU familiar with the Pacific Northwest tree octopus? Good thing there is a website on the Internet to tell all about it! This article tells of a study in which 25 high-performing online readers all agreed that the Pacific Northwest tree octopus was real. But it doesn't exist... It might seem that evaluating information online (just one form of “new literacy”) and reading a book (more of a foundational literacy) are pretty much the same thing. But there are differences and many educators are beginning to recognize the need to revise their media skills instruction.

Teaching Problem Solving--Secondary School Science

Problem solving means many things to many people. For some, it includes an attitude or predisposition toward inquiry as well as the actual processes by which individuals attempt to gain knowledge. Usually, when teachers discuss problem solving on the part of pupils, they anticipate pupils will become involved with the thinking operations of analysis, synthesis, and evaluation (considered as higher-level thinking skills).

Please email GK-Henderson@wiu.edu if you'd like a copy of these articles.

Web Spotlight

Reading Rockets Professional Development Webcast Series

www.readingrockets.org/webcasts/

Reading Rockets webcasts feature top experts in the field of reading. The webcasts provide a similar learning experience to what you would have if you were to attend a session at a reading conference. Reading Rockets webcasts are available anytime and are free. The webcasts also include recommended readings and suggested discussion questions and can be used as the centerpiece of staff development workshops or for personal staff development. Some webcasts even include the presenters' PowerPoint slides.

CIAESC Staff Development Events

Workplace Skills Across the Curriculum - Transportation, Warehousing, and Logistics

Friday, January 25, 2008, 9 am - 12 pm

Carl Sandburg College, Carthage

Using Google's "Special" Features

Tuesday, January 29, 2008, 10 am - 11 am

Online Using Horizon WIMBA

ESL Provider Group (WIMBA)

Wednesday, January 30, 2008, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Online Using Horizon WIMBA

Building Community in the ESL Classroom

Thursday, January 31, 2008, 10 am - 11 am

Online Using Horizon WIMBA

Rich Writing Across the Curriculum

Friday, February 1, 2008, 9 am - 12 pm

Monmouth PASS, Monmouth

Workplace Skills Across the Curriculum - Transportation, Warehousing, and Logistics

Friday, February 1, 2008, 9 am - 12 pm

Black Hawk College, East Moline

Learning Styles

Wednesday, February 6, 2008, 1 pm - 2 pm

Online Using Horizon WIMBA

Using Excel – Functions

Wednesday, February 6, 2008, 6 pm - 7 pm

Online Using Horizon WIMBA

Error Correction in the ESL Classroom

Thursday, February 7, 2008, 2 pm - 3 pm

Online Using Horizon WIMBA

Algebra

Friday, February 8, 2008

Illinois Community College North, Peoria

There are no registration fees for any of these workshops. One WIMBA Walkthrough must be taken before attending online sessions. A complete list of Walkthrough sessions can be found at www.thecenterweb.org/alrc/walkthrough/index.asp

CIAESC Resource Library Picks

CIAESC maintains a lending resource library of professional and classroom materials (books, videos, audiotapes, disk software and CD-ROMs) and makes the resources available at no cost to all adult education program staff in the Illinois Service Center Network service region. To check out materials listed below or to customize your search for additional resources, please go to our web site, www.cait.org/ciaesc and click on the Resource Library graphic. To find one of the titles listed below, type the title in the search form title field and begin search. Directions to conduct your own search and to check out materials via the online shopping cart are provided. Patrons are encouraged to utilize the online system. If you do not have access to the Internet, please call (800) 572-9033 to arrange for check out.

English No Problem! Literacy Book

English No Problem! Literacy Workbook

English No Problem! Literacy Teacher's Edition

English No Problem! Literacy Book Audio CD

This literacy level series from New Readers Press focuses on developing critical thinking and cultural awareness and on building language and life skills. English No Problem! fully integrates national standards and frameworks for adult education and ESL. A companion website designed to accompany the series (www.enp.newreaderspress.com) includes a customized lesson-plan builder. Additional levels of the English No Problem! series are available from the Resource Library. Use the online search form and enter English No Problem! to view the entire series. (2004)

Food J-I-N-G-O

A bingo style educational game that reinforces word and picture recognition. It encourages good listening skills and motivates verbal interaction. (1998)

Maths for the Dyslexic: A Practical Guide

This book is written to assist both teachers and parents who wish to help dyslexic students experiencing difficulties with mathematics. This book is divided into two parts: basic concepts which seem to influence all levels of mathematics and teaching strategies for particular topics. (1998)

GED Connection Language Arts: Writing & Reading Workbook

GED Connection Social Studies and Science Workbook

GED Connection Mathematics Workbook

GED Connection is a multimedia PBS LiteracyLink system for adult learners and educators that consists of 39 video programs (shown on public television), online materials (available at www.pbs.org/literacy), and three companion workbooks, Language Arts: Writing & Reading, Social Studies and Science, and Mathematics. (2002)

Starting with "I"

Real-life experiences inspired this book's young authors to sit down and write and express their views on serious issues like violence, racism, parenting, and getting a job. An extensive introduction explains the process of editing and revision that produced these essays so that teens and adults can benefit from it. (1997)