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Supplementary Articles for Classroom Use

Project-Based Learning and Assessment: A Resource Manual for Teachers
This resource was developed to assist teachers in understanding the purpose of project work as a practical and meaningful way of learning and assessing the progress of learning English. The main focus is to guide teachers in developing projects for learning and assessment of their adult students.

At-Risk Students Plan for Successful Transitions
Educators and researchers lament a lack of emphasis on the attitudes, knowledge, and skills required for students to transition successfully to career and educational opportunities afforded to them after their high school education. This article discusses creation and implementation of Plan for Success interventions to improve student transition outcomes.

Using Rubrics. Teacher to Teacher.
Rubrics are tools that formalize the process of evaluation by explicitly stating the criteria to be used for grading. Rubrics help students to evaluate the quality of their work as they progress through a class. This article discusses the process of developing an analytic rubric for classroom use.

Immigration and Adult Transitions
Almost 30 percent of the more than 68 million young adults aged eighteen to thirty-four in the United States today are either foreign born or of foreign parentage. As these newcomers make their transitions to adulthood they differ significantly not only from one another but also from their native-parentage counterparts, including blacks and whites. The authors document the demographic changes in the United States over the past forty years and describe the ways in which generation and national origin shape the experiences of these newcomers as they become adults.

Please email gk-henderson@wiu.edu if you’d like a PDF copy of any of these articles.

Web Spotlight

7th Grade Mark Twain Web Quest
http://teacherweb.com/NY/Victor/MarkTwain/h1.aspx

Take your students on a fun web quest to learn about and investigate the world of the local literary creation Tom Sawyer! Students will read, write, listen, and speak for information and understanding; students will read, write, listen, and speak for literary response and expression; students will read, write, listen, and speak for critical analysis and evaluation, and students will read, write, listen, and speak for social interaction.
CIAESC Professional Development Opportunities

BEST Plus Training
Friday, January 21, 2011  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Presenter: Debbe Rigney-Hays  
5.5 Professional Development Hours/CPDUs  
Parkland College Adult Education

Evidence-Based Reading Instruction: Focus on Vocabulary
Friday, January 28, 2011  
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
Presenter: Debbe Rigney-Hays  
3 Professional Development Hours/CPDUs  
Peoria Adult Education

Evidence-Based Reading Instruction: Focus on Vocabulary
Monday, February 7, 2011  
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
Presenter: Dawn Hughes  
3 Professional Development Hours/CPDUs  
Illinois Central College, Peoria  
North Campus, Cedar Hall Room 109

Please call CIAESC at 800-572-9033 or 309-298-2285 if you will be attending any of the on-site workshops.

Wimba Days 2011: Save the Date!

February 8, 2011  
Terrific Tuesday
March 16, 2011  
Wonderful Wednesday
April 7, 2011  
Thrilling Thursday
May 10, 2011  
Tremendous Tuesday

Meet CIAESC’s New Resource Specialist

Dannie Francis comes to us from the Wyoming Department of Corrections where he was an ABE/GED instructor. He has also been a K-12 administrator and a middle school mathematics teacher. Dannie’s educational background includes degrees in mathematics, computer science, educational leadership, and instructional technology. His undergraduate work was done at Iowa Wesleyan College and his graduate work was completed at the University of Wyoming.

He is married and has five children/eleven grandchildren. His favorite pastime is traveling with his wife, Joyce.

Dannie’s email contact is DB-Francis@wiu.edu. Please join us in welcoming him to CIAESC!
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.

**Math Games for Middle School**
This is an ideal resource for teachers who want to challenge their students and at the same time reinforce basic skills. The book reviews all the topics of the middle-school curriculum, from addition to subtraction to plane and space geometry, graphing, and probability. "Math Camps" provide fun ways to apply new skills. (1998)

**Building Fluency Lessons and Strategies for Reading Success**
This resource, for grades 2-6, defines fluency and includes mini-lessons, activities, and word lists to help students read with speed, automaticity, and expression for comprehension. (2002)

**The Main Stream**
Roy Blount Jr., "America's foremost humorist" according to The Chicago Tribune takes on offbeat journey down the Mississippi River. Navigating this great liquid divide, Blount explores what holds this wildly diverse country together. The movie on VHS celebrates diversity, eccentricity, and freedom of expression as it introduces a cast of unforgettable characters along the Mississippi - the literal main stream of America. (2002)

**Learning Disabilities and Discipline**
Host Richard Lavoie, a nationally-known expert on Learning Disabilities, offers practical advice on dealing with behavioral problems quickly and effectively. This VHS program shows how preventive discipline can anticipate many problems before they start and explains how teachers and parents can create stable, predictable environments in which children with LD can flourish. (1997)

**Rock Talk and the Vowel Sounds / Rock Talk and the Vowel Sounds Audio CD**
**Rock Talk and the Consonant Blends / Rock Talk and the Consonant Blends Audio CD**
**Rock Talk Rules / Rock Talk Rules Audio CD**
Rock Talk uses internationally-known top pop hits plus phonics to help ESL students reduce their accents and gain fluency in English. Each lesson is structured to implant melodies and words into students' brains, strengthening their unconscious assimilation of English intonation, rhythm and grammatical structures. Rock Talk and the Vowel Sounds contains 10 vowel-focused lessons and each lesson is divided into 7 exercises. Rock Talk and the Consonant Blends helps students recognize phonemes involving various consonant combinations. The lessons contained in Rock Talk Rules focus on basic parts of speech and verb tenses. An audio CD accompanies each workbook, please request the workbook and CD individually. (2003)