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Dear Colleague,

We are looking forward to the workshop, GPS: Guiding Pupils to Success Using an Integrated, Interdisciplinary, Thematic Approach to Differentiate Curriculum to be conducted by Dr. T. Roger Taylor held in Saratoga Springs, NY from July 27-31, 2009. The workshop will be held at the Gick Road Conference Center, located at 27 Gick Rd., Saratoga Springs, NY, 12866.

The workshop will begin Monday with coffee and refreshments between 8-8:30 a.m. and continue to 3:30 p.m. with a lunch break. The hours for Tuesday through Friday will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Lunch is on your own. You may go out to lunch at any of the local restaurants, or "brown bag it" and bring your own lunch with you. You will be given an assignment for each day. If your writing group completes the assignment before 5:00 p.m., you may leave the workshop site to pursue independent work, etc. Even though you are pre-registered, please stop at the registration table on Monday at 8:00 a.m. to check in and receive workshop materials.

Three semester units of graduate level credit will be offered by the University of San Diego for the institute at an additional cost of \$275.00. If you choose to take the workshop for university credit, you may register on Tuesday of the workshop or you can register online at www.robertaylor.com. Illinois CPDUs and Administrative Academy Credit will also be available!

We will be writing differentiated curriculum based on an interdisciplinary, integrated model, so if you have a specific topic or theme in mind you might bring books, references, resources, and/or a computer with you. PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED LIST OF SUGGESTED MATERIALS TO BRING. It is advantageous to attend the workshop with a team or someone from your district. However, if you are attending alone, Dr. Taylor will make sure you will be matched with a team appropriate with your content area, topic interest, and grade level. Please dress comfortably and bring lots of energy!

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call our office at 630-852-8863.

Sincerely,

Beverly Milam Taylor, Ed.D

**Directions to:
Gick Road Conference Center
27 Gick Rd.
Saratoga Springs, NY, 12866**



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Merge onto NY-7 W via EXIT 9W toward I-87/ SARATOGA SPRINGS/ SCHENECTADY.
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End at 27 Gick Rd Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-8517

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Take EXIT 28 toward RT-30A/ RT-55/ JOHNSTOWN/ RT-5/ GLOVERSVILLE.
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Turn RIGHT onto NY-30A/ S BRIDGE ST.
Turn LEFT onto E MAIN ST/ NY-30A/ NY-5.
Turn RIGHT onto BROADWAY/ NY-30A. Continue to follow NY-30A N.
Turn RIGHT onto NY-29.
Turn LEFT onto BROADWAY/ US-9/ NY-29/ NY-50/ GEN PHILIP SCHUYLER
COMMEMORATIVE HWY. Continue to follow BROADWAY/ US-9/ NY-50.
Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto US-9/ NY-50/ CV WHITNEY MEMORIAL HWY. Continue to
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(518) 584-0518

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KNOW FOR THE SUMMER 2009 CURRICULUM-WRITING WORKSHOP

GPS: Guiding Pupils to Success Using an Integrated, Interdisciplinary, Thematic Approach to Differentiate Curriculum

**With
Dr. T. Roger Taylor**

Anticipation is building for what many teachers in the last 24 years have said is the most exciting, intellectually stimulating, and demanding week, not only of their summer but also of their professional education! You may have attended one of Dr. Taylor's one-day seminars either through a district-wide in-service, a national or state conference, an NSCI Conference or through an intensive one-day Bureau of Education and Research (BER) seminar. At these seminars Dr. Taylor is essentially the "sage on the stage" but during this weeklong **CURRICULUM WRITING** workshop he will be the "guide on the side." This **Workshop** is focused completely on professional teachers creating their own curriculum for their own students using their own intelligence, energy, and creativity with their recommended materials and resources. Dr. Taylor will begin each day by taking you through the curriculum writing model objectives for that day. Detailed examples and practical applications will be addressed (K-12) before teachers begin to write. Following his presentation he will spend the majority of classroom time working with groups of teachers as they design integrated, interdisciplinary, thematic curriculum for their students.

Because this is a **WORKshop** designed for maximum productivity, the following ideas should be considered to enhance your benefit from this seminar:

1. Dress comfortably.
2. Bring a computer or a laptop with you. Each writing group will need a computer to complete the writing of the curriculum. A printer, if available, is also useful; however, most locations will have printers available for your use. Don't forget extension cords and appropriate software for writing units, i.e., graphics, etc.
3. Bring available state, county, and/or local **curriculum guidelines** that focus on curriculum planning in your district, especially those for your grade level and/or content specialty. Copies of your state and/or local standards and outcomes are also necessary because each lesson strand will be aligned to a specific benchmark / standard. If flying to the workshop, you may want to UPS materials to the workshop site.
4. Bring all **textbooks**, supplemental materials, and special readings.
5. Bring any available catalogs of instructional materials, films, interactive videos, and CD-ROMs.
6. If you are coming with a team and would like to write with that team, brainstorm **possible themes** that you would like to teach next year and bring related literature, information, etc. If you come alone to the workshop, Dr. Taylor will try to structure a team of 3-4 other teachers with which to write the curriculum unit. Please encourage your principal and / or other instructional leaders to attend the seminar with you. Administrators may attend for free. Major changes in School Districts happen when administrators see the power of this model.

7. You may wish to bring high protein snacks to give you energy and maintain creativity. The seminar will begin **MONDAY** with coffee and refreshments between 8-8:30 a.m. and continue to 3:30 p.m. with a lunch break. The hours for Tuesday through Friday will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You will be given an assignment for each day. If your group completes the assignment before 5:00 p.m. you may leave the workshop site to pursue independent work, etc. (Lunch is on your own Monday-Friday.)

As part of the workshop you will receive a handbook that contains extensive information concerning differentiated curriculum as well as a free User Name and Password to access Dr. Taylor's Web site of thousands of curriculum units. The following five books plus the Green Book Online Subscription are **EXTREMELY HELPFUL** when writing curriculum, but are not mandatory for you to purchase individually. However, each writing team will find it beneficial if these are available for use. Your school library/learning center may already have these resources or you can order them using the attached order form.

1. Craddock, J.(2009). *VideoHound's Golden Movie Retriever 2009*. Gale Group, 2009. (ISBN 1414400047) 2009.
2. *Green Book Of Songs By Subject: The Thematic Guide To Popular Music* and the GreenBookofSongs.com® Database subscription service. (Use special coupon offer DRT10, which provides \$10 off the annual subscription for a final cost of only \$9.95!)
3. Grun, B. (2005). *The timetables of history: A horizontal linkage of people and events*. (4th revised edition). New York: Touchstone. (ISBN 0743270037)
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5. Hirsch, E. D. Jr., Kett, J. F., & Trefil, J. (2002). *The new dictionary of cultural literacy: What every American needs to know*. (revised and updated edition) Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company.(ISBN 0-618-22647-8)
6. Strouf, J. (2005). *The literature teacher's book of lists*. New York: Jossey-Bass (ISBN 0-78797-5508). Additional *Teacher's Book of Lists* in other content areas can be found on our Web site at www.rogertaylor.com. Click on the reference library link and then click on the recommended reading list link

The last page, **Taylor's Most Recommended Reading List**, contains additional resources that most teachers find critically important when designing integrated, interdisciplinary, thematic curriculum units for their students. If possible, bring these with you for the weeklong seminar. You and your writing team will be glad you did!

The *Videohound* book is very complex; please spend time before the workshop to become familiar with how it is organized.

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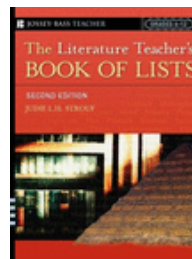
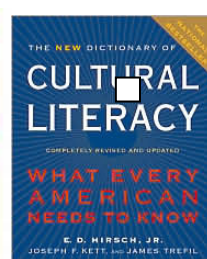
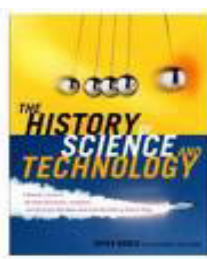
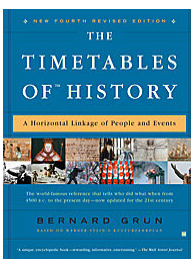
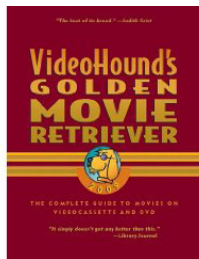
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- Austin, J. (1991). ***Applications of Secondary School Mathematics***. Virginia: National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Inc. (ISBN 0-87353-336-4)
- Braddon, K., Hall, N. & Taylor, D. (1993) *Math Through Children's Literature*. Colorado: Teacher Ideas Press. (ISBN 0-87287-932-1)
- Butzow, C & J. (2000). *Science Through Children's Literature*. (Second Edition) Colorado: Teacher Ideas Press. (ISBN 1-56308-651-4)
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- Dubeck, L. (2003). ***Fantastic Voyages: Learning Science through Science Fiction Films***. Springer Verlag, 2003. (ISBN 0-3870-0440-8)
- Fry, E. (2000). *Reading Teacher's Book of Lists*. Josey-Bass, 2000 (ISBN 0130281859)
- Green, J. ***The Green Book of Songs by Subject: The Thematic Guide to Popular Music***. (No longer available in book form.) Go to www.greenbookofsongs.com and use special coupon code DRT10, which provides \$10.00 off the annual subscription for a final cost of only \$9.95!
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- Hirsch, E. D. Jr., Kett, J. F., & Trefil, J. (1988). ***Cultural literacy. What every American needs to know***. New York: Vintage Books a division of Random House. (ISBN 0-394-75843-9 pbk.)
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- Reuben, Steven (1997). *Children of Character. A Parent's Guide*. Canter & Associates, Inc. (ISBN 1-57271-001-x)
- Schnumberger, L. (1991). *Let There Be Clothes*. New York: Workman Publishing. (ISBN 0-89480-833-8)
- Strouf, J. (1999). *Literature lover's book of lists: Serious trivia for the bibliophile*. New York: Prentice Hall. (ISBN 0735201218)
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- Wolfe, L. (2000) *The Literary Gourmet*. New York: Authors Guild. (ISBN 0-595-08928-3)

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