

OHIO ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED CHILDREN (OAGC) CONFERENCE

USEFUL INFORMATION

Staff,

Marge Greenwood and I attended the Ohio Association for Gifted Children (OAGC) Conference in Columbus on March 31st and April 1st, 2014. The following outlines useful resources presented at the conference we thought would be beneficial to share with teachers of all subject areas. These could easily be used to differentiate instruction for ALL levels of learners in your classroom.

Enjoy!
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SUBJECT AREA AND DIFFERENTIATION RESOURCES FOR CLASSROOMS

THINKFINITY.ORG

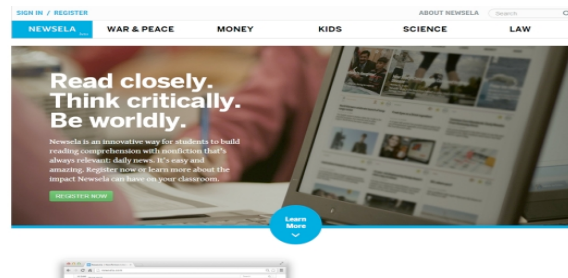
A consortium of resources from the country's top educational organizations for all subject areas.



The screenshot shows the 'Thinkfinity Resources' search interface. It has two tabs: 'KEYWORDS' and 'STATE STANDARDS'. Below the tabs, there is a search box labeled 'Keywords...'. There are two dropdown menus: 'Select a Grade' and 'Select a Subject'. A red 'Search' button is at the bottom right. A small lightbulb icon is in the top right corner.

NEWSELA.ORG

Non-fiction and current event articles that can be manipulated by reading levels.



LEARNZILLION.COM

LearnZillion.com offers a free and growing set of Math and English Language resources for grades 2-12 that have been developed by expert teachers directly from the Common Core State Standards. There seemed to be a lot of video resources on the site.



All of the resources below are web resources unless indicated.

LANGUAGE ARTS

The screenshot shows the ReadWorks.org interface for a lesson titled "Lesson 1: Identifying Compare and Contrast Key Words". It includes a sidebar with navigation options, a main content area with a learning goal, duration, and necessary materials, and a teacher modeling section with a detailed explanation of the task. A black arrow points from the text to the "Teacher Modeling" section.

A preview of this one had LOTS of CCSS aligned PRINTABLE resources by skill with answer keys!

MATH

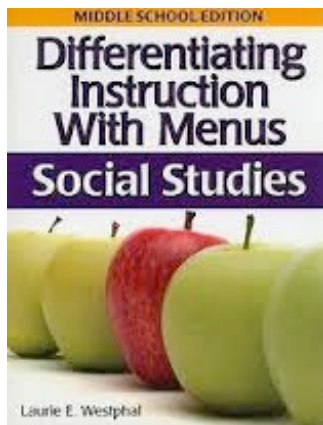


SOCIAL STUDIES

- Choice boards
- Tic-Tac-Toe
- List/Challenge Menus
- Activities based on Bloom's Taxonomy
- See Laurie Westphal books...

Ancient Civilization:

The Geography	The History	Politics/Government	Religions	Arts/ Education	Contributions
<input type="checkbox"/> Draw a map of the region of the civilization focusing on its geography and major features.	<input type="checkbox"/> Design a timeline that shows at least 5 major events in the civilization's history.	<input type="checkbox"/> Create a set of trading cards for the major governmental rulers and responsibilities of the civilization.	<input type="checkbox"/> Write 5 Facts and a FIB for the religions and the traditions found in the civilization.	<input type="checkbox"/> Create a flip book with information and examples of music, art, literature, and architecture of the civilization.	<input type="checkbox"/> Create a crossword puzzle with descriptions of at least 15 locations students your age would enjoy visiting in your civilization.
<input type="checkbox"/> Produce a keynote or movie that shows and explains the geographical areas and regions of your civilization and their importance.	<input type="checkbox"/> Create a scrapbook in which that details the major history of your civilization.	<input type="checkbox"/> Design a book cover for a new book being published about the major rules and political class of your civilization.	<input type="checkbox"/> Design an appropriate greeting card for one of the major religious ceremonies of the ancient civilization.	<input type="checkbox"/> Research the music, songs or dances of the civilization. Write, record on garageband, or perform a song that reflects the style.	<input type="checkbox"/> Design a commercial for a movie that promotes the civilization and the interesting aspects of its history.
<input type="checkbox"/> Design a class lesson on the geography of the civilization. Compare and contrast its different regions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Write and perform a play that research the historical event that, in your opinion has the greatest impact on the civilization's present day. For example: The invention of the wheel.	<input type="checkbox"/> Choose a person you feel has had the greatest impact on the political structure of the ancient civilization. Deliver a monologue as that person.	<input type="checkbox"/> Write a story about a young person from the civilization participating in one of his or her religious beliefs of the time.	<input type="checkbox"/> Artists often express thoughts and feelings by painting murals. Create your own mural on paper that reflects your thoughts about living in that civilization.	<input type="checkbox"/> Your civilization is considering renewing its most famous tourist attraction of the time period. Create a news report on the proposed renovations and the public's response.
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SCIENCE



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[HTTP://GWS.ALA.ORG/CATEGORY/SCIENCES](http://gws.ala.org/category/sciences)



GENERAL RESOURCES TO SPICE UP YOUR CLASSROOM

All of the following links are located in one place here: <http://oagc.weebly.com/>. If you click on the picture, it will take you directly to the site.

ANIMOTO

Turns your photos and video clips into professional video slideshows in minutes.



THINGLINK

Make your images come alive with music, video, text, images, shops and more!

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KNOVIO

Gives life to static slides and with a simple click you will be able to turn them into rich video and audio presentations that you can share with your friends and colleagues via email or popular social media websites. Knovio does not require any software installation or download, it is all web based.



TOONDOO

World's fastest way to make cartoons. Create comic strips and cartoons to embed or print.



PHOTO PEACH

Online service that allows it users to create media rich slideshows.



WUFOO

WuFoo is a web application that helps anybody build amazing online forms. When you design a form with WuFoo, it automatically builds the database, backend and scripts needed to make collecting and understanding your data easy, fast and fun.



POPPLLET

A tool that allows users to visualize ideas. Teachers and students can create graphic organizers, timelines, and many other forms of visual organization.



SCRIBBLAR

scribblar.com
simple, effective online collaboration

Online white board collaboration tool

POWTOON

Presentation software for free awesome animated video explainers and presentations as an alternative to using PowerPoint.



SCREENR

screenr

Screenr is a web-based tool that lets you create screencasts without installing any software.

PRINTING PRESS

The interactive Printing Press is designed to assist students in creating newspapers, brochures, and flyers. Teachers and students can choose from several templates to publish class newspapers, informational brochures, and flyers announcing class events.



PIC SLICE



Edit and crop images - without software!

SMORE

Design and create professional online flyers by choosing from an array of templates, styles, and colors to complement your individual style and audience. With Smore you can embed links, audio, video, pictures, and text into your flyers and newsletters and then publish instantly to get your message and information out quickly.



CLIPPING MAGIC

Clipping Magic

Easily remove the background from your photos to create masks, cutouts, or clipping paths, all done instantly online.

TAGXEDO

Turn words - famous speeches, news articles, slogans and themes, even your love letters - into a visually stunning word cloud, words individually sized appropriately to highlight the frequencies of occurrence within the body of text.



ONLINE STOPWATCH



A Simple, Fast Flash Online Stopwatch and Online Countdown timer always available when you need it. Also metronome, egg timer, alarm clock, countdown, etc.

GOO.GL

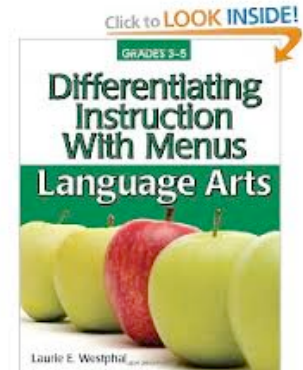
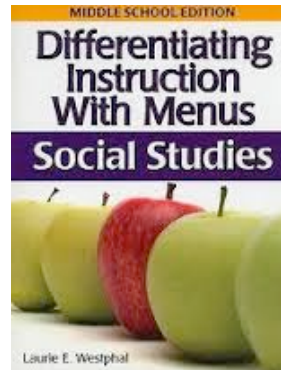
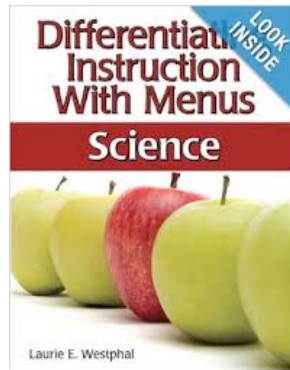
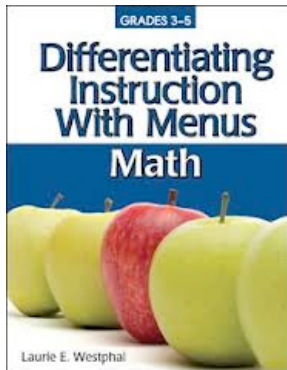
Google url shortener

Shorten long URL links in a snap.

SUGGESTED BOOKS ON DIFFERENTIATION AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL...

Author: Laurie Westphal

What: Middle school specific books on differentiation



FINAL THOUGHTS

DESPITE OBSTACLES, WE NEED THE COURAGE TO LEAD THE WAY...

The sea is dangerous and its storms terrible, but these obstacles have never been sufficient reason to remain ashore. Unlike the mediocre, intrepid spirits seek victory over those think that seem impossible. It is with an iron will that they embark on the most daring of endeavors...to meet the shadowy future without fear and conquer the unknown.

~ Explorer Ferdinand Magellan



BECAUSE...

WE DON'T WANT TO BE A...

Crab Bucket Culture



Crab mentality, sometimes referred to as **crabs in the bucket**, is a phrase that describes a way of thinking best described by "if I can't have it, neither can you."

- The metaphor refers to a pot of crabs. Individually, the crabs could easily escape from the pot, but instead, they grab at each other in a useless "king of the hill" competition that prevents any from escaping and ensures their collective demise.
- The analogy in human behavior is that members of a group will attempt to "pull down" (negate or diminish the importance of) any member who achieves success beyond the others, out of envy, conspiracy, or competitive feelings.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crab_mentality