

Increasing Student Engagement and Critical Thinking

Summer Workshop Agenda

July 20- July 24, 2020

Day 1 – The Relationship Between Student Engagement and Critical Thinking

Activities:

- An introduction to student-centered instruction and the flipped classroom
- Student-centered teaching methods and an analysis of the critical thinking required
- Using hooks, phenomena, and other devices to draw students into a topic
- Multi-sensory teaching methods, ideas for stimulating curiosity and recall
- Building an arc of learning within a chapter or a unit

Day 2 – Debates, Research, and Theses: Supporting Claims with Evidence

Activities:

- Identify the types of evidence used in our subject area and subject area differences of argumentation
- Teaching structures that use argumentation with evidence
- Databases and online resources for primary and secondary sources
- Jigsaw research projects where everyone learns a lot about a little and a little about a lot
- Clarifying goals to sharpen engagement and critical thinking

Day 3 – Puzzle and Games: Using Logic to Guide Independent Reasoning

Activities:

- Practice several different games that require the use of logic, deductive and inductive reasoning
- Constructing ladders to help students reach the Zone of Proximal Development
- Using two axes organizers as a tool for prewriting
- Irresistible infographics and how to leverage them to practices skills and acquire content
- Each one, teach one in a classroom setting—learn it and pass it on
- The impact of time constraints on engagement and thinking

Day 4 – Models, Reenactments, and Role-plays: Making it Real

Activities:

- Creating static and dynamic models to put theory into practice
- Simulations and data-generating activities that model dynamic processes
- Using stop-animation videos and narrated descriptions to detail sequenced events
- Scenario projects carried out in an altered reality
- Mocktail parties, Congressional mixers, summits, and symposia--role-playing with a cast of unlikely characters
- Scaffolding autonomy to ensure relevance

Day 5 – Writing Assessments that Foster Continuous Learning

Activities:

- Activities that prepare students for standardized testing
- Choice menus for autonomy, relevance, and self-direction in learning
- Grant funding competitions, product development awards, and other real life assessments
- Writing a useful rubric
- Using student-designed assessments and self-evaluations as a teaching tools
- The importance of accountability and high expectations

NGSS Activities for Teaching Cell Biology

Summer Workshop Agenda

June 29- July 3, 2020

Day 1 - Cell Components

Activities:

- Role Playing: Protein Structure and Function
- Model building: Prokaryotic Cells
- Model Building: Eukaryotic Cells
- Simulation: Cell Mobility
- Simulation: Movement in the Endomembrane System
- Lab Skills: Student-designed IB/AP Experiments with Enzymes
- Study Skills: AP/IB Curriculum Changes and Expectations for the AP/IB Exam

Day 2 - Membrane Traffic

Activities:

- Lab Skills: AP and IB Lab Ideas Related to Diffusion and Osmosis
- Student-designed Inquiry Lab: Factors That Affect Rates of Diffusion
- Model building: Cell Membranes
- Simulation: Passive and Active Transport
- Case Study: Insulin: Homeostasis, Cell Signaling and Endomembrane Transport
- Role Playing: Redox Reactions, Part 1
- Manipulatives: Redox Reactions, Part 2
- Study Skills: Free Response and Short Essay Writing Techniques

Day 3 - Cellular Energy

Activities:

- Student Modeling: Cell Respiration Processes
- Game: Efficiency of Cell Respiration vs. Fermentation
- Lab Skills: AP and IB Lab Ideas Related to Cell Respiration
- Student-designed Inquiry Lab: Comparing Fermentation Rates in Yeast
- Student-designed Inquiry Lab: Snails and Elodea
- Study Skills: Integrating Scientific Terms into the Working Vocabulary
- Field Trip: Factors That Influence Fermentation, Special Class with a Master Brewer at Hops & Vines

Day 4 - Photosynthesis

Activities:

- Student-designed Simulation: Photosynthesis
- Lab Skills: AP and IB Lab Ideas Related to Photosynthesis
- Statistical Skills for AP and IB Experimental Analysis
- Debate with a Twist: C3 vs. C4 Photosynthesis Town Hall Meeting
- Wet Lab: Exploring the Factors That Affect Rates of Photosynthesis
- Study Skills: Motivation and Engagement

Day 5 - Cell Communication and Mitosis

Activities:

- Games: Blood Sugar Game (cell signals and homeostasis)
- Lab Skills: ELISA Test for Antibodies
- Lab Skills: Cell Communication and Division Lab Ideas
- Simulation: Mitosis on a Grander Scale
- Puzzle: The Cell Cycle
- Creating a New Audit Syllabus
- Study Skills: Depth and Detail Expectations of the College Board

Student-designed Labs and Statistics for AP/IB Science

Summer Workshop Agenda

July 13- July 17, 2020

Day 1 - Common Statistical Calculations and Parameters

Activities:

- Teaching with Games: Statistical Terms Puzzle
- Guiding Student-designed Labs, Step 1: Range of Tolerance Experiments
- Guiding Student-designed Labs, Step 2: Employing the Peer Review Process
- Central Tendency Using Common Parameters: Mean, Variance, Standard Deviation, SEM
- Process of Science: Selecting the Best Graph for Your Data Set
- Special Topic: Unpacking AP and IB Lab Skills, Objectives and Requirements

Day 2 - Hypotheses That Compare Data Distilled into Means

Activities:

- Process of Science: Writing and Using a Null Hypothesis for Hypothesis Testing
- Student-designed Labs: Reflex Testing for Teaching Student's t-test
- Using Demo Labs as a Springboard to Student-designed Experimentation:
 - Demo Ideas for Labs and Extensions on Labs in Physics and Physical Science
 - Demo Ideas for Labs and Extensions on Labs in Chemistry
 - Demo Ideas for Labs and Extensions on Labs in Environmental Science
 - Demo Ideas for Labs and Extensions on Labs in Biology
- Hypothesis Testing: Data Analysis of Circular Motion Using the Student's t-test
- Special Topic: What do Parameters and Statistics Actually Say about a Research Question?

Day 3 – Hypotheses That Compare Observed vs. Expected in Categorical Data

Activities:

- Process of Science: How Do We Define What is 'Expected'? Example: % Composition Labs
- Student-designed Labs: Animal Behavior Experiments for Teaching Chi-squared Calculations
- Hypothesis Testing: Using Mitotic Division to Teach the Chi-squared Test
- Using Competition Labs to Elicit Innovation and Refine Techniques: (Perform Secret Example Lab)
- Special Topic: Analyzing and Answering Data-based Questions for AP or IB Exams

Day 4 - Hypotheses That Test Correlations Between Two Factors (in the field on this day)

Activities:

- Laying the Ground Work for Field Experimentation: Line Transects, Quadrats and Sampling
- Hypothesis Testing: Pearson's Test of Correlation Using Physical Properties Data
- Writing Mathematical Formulas: Modeling Directional Selection and Change Over Time
- Accessing Large Public Data Repositories: Creating Hypothesis Trees and Graphic Analyses
- Special Topic: Error Bars – What Can They Indicate and What Kind Do You Use?

Day 5 – Extending Knowledge Beyond Your Classroom

Activities:

- Writing Mathematical Formulas to Describe Change: Artificial Selection and Allelic Frequencies
- Vertical Teaming: Creating Departmental Guidelines for Lab Reports, Graphing and Scientific Skills
- Finding and Using Available Supplies: Let What You Have Guide the Investigations You Do
- Covering Content Using Inquiry-based Experimentation: Unpacking and Hitting Standards
- Assessing Skills and Knowledge: Create a Dichotomous Key for Graphing and Analyzing Data
- Special Topic: Classroom Management in a Student-centered Learning Environment

2020 Summer Workshops

Drop the lecture and let the students pick up the learning

Topic:	Dates:
NGSS Activities for Teaching Cell Biology	June 29-July 3
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Increasing Student Engagement and Critical Thinking	July 20-July 24

Daily Meeting Times: Mon-Fri 8am-1pm
Location: Hilton Garden Inn, Asheville, NC

Tuition: \$550 per workshop
*10% discount for multiple faculty from the same school or any person attending multiple workshops

Each Workshop Focuses On:

- Using hands-on, inquiry-based activities to teach a course at the general, advanced, AP/IB level
- Practicing student-centered learning techniques such as simulations, modeling, debates and games to increase interest and raise the level of critical thinking
- Introducing new ways to motivate and engage students during test taking, essay writing, mastery of study skills, textbook reading, and note taking
- Training teachers to use student-designed lab experiments to teach scientific thinking and prepare for the AP or IB lab requirements (including IAs)
- Helping teachers learn classroom management, testing, and assessment techniques that are experiential
- In-depth review of concept topics to identify areas of weak comprehension and dispel misconceptions (for teachers and students!)

Additional Information: All participants will receive 25 hours of Continuing Education Credits and lesson plans covering the week's material in a manner consistent with AP and IB courses.

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- Increasing Student Engagement and Critical Thinking** **July 20- July 24**

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