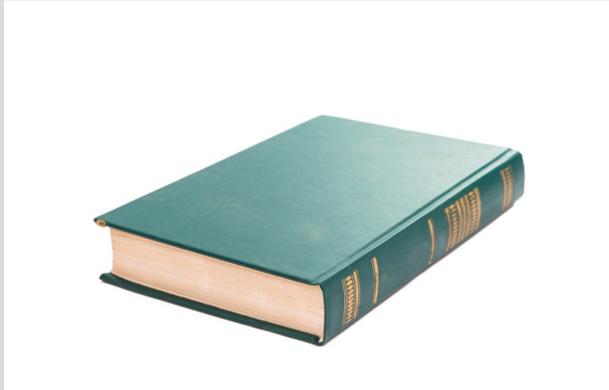


A professional development offering for: K-12 Classroom Teachers, Special Educators, Guidance Counselors, Department Heads, Team Leaders, Curriculum Coordinators, Principals, and Assistant Principals

Reading Complex Texts



Featuring **TEACHERS21** Presenter
Dr. Debra Block

Wednesday, March 14, 2018
at the MSAA Office, Franklin

Sign-In/Registration: 8:00 am to 8:30 am

Workshop: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Fees: Member \$195/Non-Member \$260

6 Professional Development Hours

PD Content Area: *Curriculum and Instruction*

So often we challenge our students but fail to recall what it is like to face a text that seems overwhelming. During this hands-on workshop educators will explore a variety of complex texts. The primary goal is for educators to appreciate the experience for students in order to best meet their needs and develop critical literacy skills as required by the Common Core standards. Central to this process will be an expanding definition of what constitutes text. We will look at the written word but also include visual and auditory texts as they are often effective teaching tools for a wide range of students.

Participants will:

- Look at a variety of complex texts: written, visual and auditory.
- Unpack the CCSS standards for Reading and Literacy to appreciate and demystify the expectations.
- Assess and acquire sample curriculum materials.
- Generate Curriculum-Embedded Performance Assessment tasks that are meaningful and effective.

Debbie Block specializes in curriculum development consulting. Dr. Block earned her Bachelor's Degree from Brown University, a Master's Degree from Columbia, and her PhD from the University of Pennsylvania. Her education focused on both History and Special Education, and her career applications are wide and varied. She taught history at the secondary level, including serving as chair of the History Department at the Maimonides School in Brookline. She was Director of Education at the Norman B. Leventhal Map Center at the Boston Public Library from 2004-2012, and her recent consulting activities include Curriculum Development, Exhibition Support and Professional Development. Dr. Block currently serves as an Educational Consultant with TEACHERS21, focusing in the areas of Assessment, Curriculum Development and Critical Thinking.

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