2013 AP English Language for New Teachers
Summer Institute Syllabus
July 22-25, 2013

Institute Overview:

This institute will focus on strategies to prepare students for the multiple choice and free-response parts of the AP Language exam. Participants will examine methods to make students aware of the rhetorical situation present in every communication so that they can interpret prose insightfully and construct sound arguments.

Topics will include the following:

- Close reading and notation of prompts and text
- Analysis of the rhetorical situation
- Connecting rhetorical choice to meaning
- Formulation of original arguments including those that require synthesis of sources
- A systematic approach for multiple choice preparation
- Simulation of AP Language exam reading

Consultant Background:

Beth Priem works as a consultant with teachers and students throughout the country. She has 35 years of teaching experience including AP English Language and Composition and AP English Literature and Composition at Westwood High School in the Round Rock Independent School District. Ms. Priem, a graduate of the University of Texas with a BA in English, is a nationally endorsed College Board consultant, an APSI instructor, a veteran reader for the AP Language exam, and a field observer for student teachers enrolled in UTeach at the University of Texas at Austin. Ms. Priem retired from teaching in May, 2010.

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Institute Preparation:

Participants should bring several colors of highlighters, red pens, and post-it notes. Flash drives are also suggested for the computer lab session during which participants will have an opportunity to copy my entire handout.

Institute Schedule:

Day 1

- The Yellow Pages (Everything You Always Wanted to Know About AP English Language)
- A (Relatively) Recent History of AP English Language Prompts
- Give Me a Hint: Getting Started on AP English Language Multiple Choice

Day 2

- Rhetorical Analysis: From Reading to Response

Day 3

- Argument Essentials

Day 4

- Synthesis Savvy

Graduate Credit Option

Participants may also earn three graduate education hours for any of the AP Summer Institutes from Washburn University for a reduced tuition and the successful completion of an academic assignment.

Additional Information

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