

PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR RURAL TEACHERS

The teaching experiences of rural teachers are unique, in part because rural teachers work in isolation, with limited opportunities to collaborate with other teachers of the same grade level or content area. Given this reality, professional development is more effective for rural teachers if it helps unify the curricular and instructional efforts of various classrooms, grade levels and content areas.

Rural teachers need professional development that helps them establish a collaborative professional environment. This includes:

- Meaningful discussions on curriculum and instructional goals for all grade levels and content areas.
- K-12 strategies that all students and teachers know and use regularly.
- K-12 common writing practices to support students' writing development.
- Curriculum practices that align instruction with state standards while supporting teacher creativity.



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Providing Professional
Development Workshops for
Rural K-12 Teachers

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Rural Education
Secondary Literacy
K-12 Writing Process
Curriculum Development



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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

The Thinking Extreme LLC provides summertime workshops as well as Saturday workshops during the school year, delivered at **your** school district site.

- Each workshop is structured as a six-hour professional development day, designed with rural teaching in mind.
- Workshop materials include instructional strategies that support the integration of common core state standards. Strategies are ready for implementation into K-12 classrooms.
- In coordination with Montana's OPI office, renewal credits for workshops may be possible.
- The cost for each workshop training day is \$500, plus travel and lodging expenses. Please contact Karen to discuss the details of workshop costs.

TRAINING RURAL TEACHERS KAREN TOAVS, PH.D.

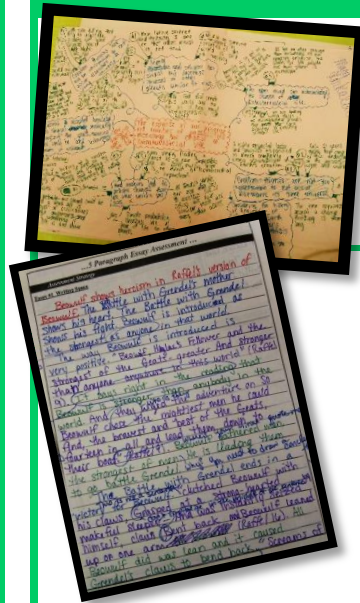
As a secondary teacher working in a rural Montana school district, I am in tune with the unique needs and conditions of rural education. My goal in providing K-12 training is to support rural teachers in their work, especially related to the incorporation of highly effective instructional strategies into K-12 rural classrooms.



CURRENT WORKSHOPS FOR RURAL K-12 TEACHERS

GROWING WEBS A K-12 WRITING APPROACH

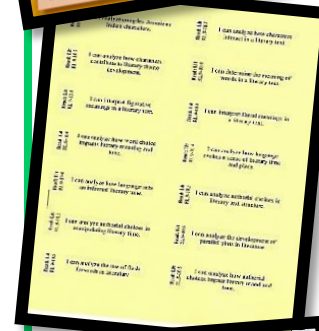
This workshop provides training in a K-12 writing system for all subject areas, including prewriting, writing structure, paragraph and essay formats, revising, editing and assessment.



BUILDING RURAL CURRICULUM CREATING STANDARDS-BASED CURRICULUM

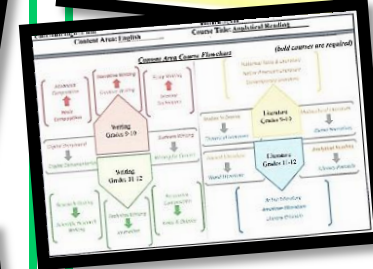
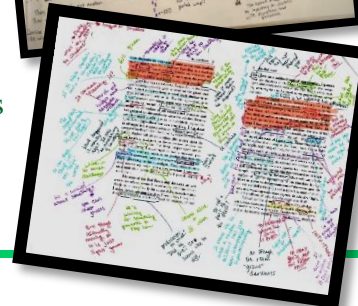
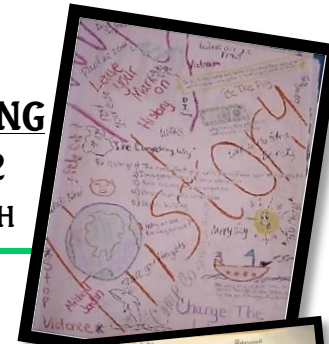
This workshop guides K-12 teachers through the curriculum development process. Teachers develop thematic units based on state standards and rural teachers' expertise. When

completed, rural teachers will have created a series of unit guides for each grade level and course.



WRITTEN READING A STRATEGIC K-12 LITERACY APPROACH

This workshop familiarizes K-12 teachers with a collection of literacy strategies designed to support students' comprehension of varied texts. Strategies are presented with three levels of complexity so teachers can scaffold their use into all grade levels and content areas.



This training is most effective as a series of curriculum workshop days, with time for teachers to implement curriculum and reflect on instructional experiences.

**CONTACT KAREN TO SCHEDULE
WORKSHOPS FOR YOUR RURAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT.**

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