Liven up your Teaching Toolkit – Free Standards-aligned Resources from LEARN NC

Highlighted Lesson Plans

- **Are you on a diet?** -- http://www.learnnc.org/lp/editions/proud-diet/6728
  Grade 4. Part of the Kenan Fellows edition titled "I'm on a diet and proud of it: Nutrition through math and science." This activity will expose students' background knowledge, beliefs, and misconceptions about diets, and allow them to re-frame their thinking through focused word study and discussion. In the end, students will understand diet as a multi-faceted concept.
- **Mountain dialect: Reading between the spoken lines** --
  http://www.learnnc.org/lp/pages/2807
  Grade 8. This lesson plan uses Chapter 13 of Our Southern Highlanders as a jumping-off point to help students achieve social studies and English language arts objectives while developing an appreciation of the uniqueness of regional speech patterns, the complexities of ethnographic encounter, and the need to interrogate primary sources carefully to identify potential biases and misinformation in them. Historical content includes American slavery, the turn of the century, and the Great Depression.
- **Laugh and learn with satire and technology** --
  http://www.learnnc.org/lp/pages/4646
  Grades 9-12. This lesson for high school will help students to distinguish between satire and parody. Students will analyze several examples of both satire and parody and will work in groups to plan and create their own examples of satire. Teachers are encouraged to use blogging and VoiceThread technology to enhance student interaction.

Standards Published on LEARN NC

- You'll find the link to the North Carolina curriculum standards listed in the menu on the left side of the page under Classroom. We have the Common Core Standards and North Carolina Essential Standards as well as the current North Carolina Standard Course of Study matrix. The direct link is
  http://www.learnnc.org/scos/

- Read about text complexity in Appendix A of the Common Core standards at:
  http://www.learnnc.org/lp/media/uploads/2011/09/common_core_ela_appendix_a.pdf

- Information and Technology Skills Standards with aligned lesson plans -- http://www.learnnc.org/lp/editions/nces2010-informationskills/

New Standards Information

- **Common Core** – English Language Arts Appendix B –Text Exemplars and Sample Performance Tasks text exemplars and Sample Performance tasks -- http://www.corestandards.org/assets/Appendix_B.pdf
- **NC DPI Essential Standards Instructional Support Tools** including unpacking standards, crosswalks, and graphic organizers -- http://www.ncpublicschools.org/acre/standards/support-tools/

Blogs and Technology Integration

- **The Well** – The latest classroom-friendly research, straight from UNC to you. Found on the homepage and at http://blogs.learnnc.org/the-well/
- **Instructify** – stock your toolbox with practical, time-saving classroom ideas and cutting edge methods of instruction. http://instructify.com/
- **Technology Integration** -- http://www.learnnc.org/lp/pages/6673

Differentiated Instruction

- **Reaching Every Learner: Differentiating Instruction in Theory and Practice** -- This series of articles, which balance theory, research, and practice, address a variety of topics within differentiation through text, graphics, and video. http://www.learnnc.org/lp/editions/every-learner/
- Especially see the article **"The power of nonfiction: Using informational text to support literacy in special populations."** In the side bar of the page is the archived web conference to develop strategies for teaching with non-fiction. http://www.learnnc.org/lp/editions/every-learner/6554