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ESOL TAPAS

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL APPETIZERS

New Resources in the NE RC Library

Go to www.neablelibrary.org to reserve a copy.

MULTICULTURAL COLLECTION

Of Beetles and Angels: A Boy's Remarkable Journey from a Refugee Camp to Harvard by Mawi Asgedom

The author insists his story is not unusual but similar to that of hundreds of thousands of Eritrean and Ethiopian refugees who fled the civil wars of their homelands. A child of an Eritrean mother and Ethiopian father, Mawi lives in a refugee camp in Sudan, is resettled in the Midwest, and finally, after surviving racial prejudice, language barriers and financial disadvantage, builds a new life for himself in the United States. Now a noted motivational speaker living in Chicago, Mawi has written his first book which is a compelling read for teachers and students alike.

FOR LISTENING AND SPEAKING

Cathy's Cards: Instant Conversation in the Classroom (Combined edition)
Alta Books.

Topics covered are: Education, Technology/Computers, Money and Jobs, Family and Friends, Home, Routines, Health, and Leisure, Food, Personal Preferences, and Global Issues. Perfect practice to prepare for BEST Plus!!!

All About The USA, A Cultural Reader, Level 4, Second Edition with audio CD. Pearson Longman, 2008

"The new edition has fresh content and a friendly, full-color design." There are 24 units about American places, events, and people such as Yo-Yo Ma, Oprah Winfrey, Georgia O'Keefe, Susan Butcher, Lucas and Spielberg, and the Google Guys.

ESOL Basic Text

NEW! *Excellent English Level 1*, McGraw-Hill, 2008

Excellent English equips students with the grammar and skills they need to access community resources, while developing a foundation for long-term career and academic success. Career oriented!!!



Migrant Workers in Painesville ABLE

TEACHER RESOURCE: YOUTUBE.COM

Submitted by Najwa Badawi,
ESOL Instructor for
Washington-Local Schools

Najwa uses music every week in class. These songs from the YouTube website have been successful with her students.

1. Steven Curtis Chapman
"I will be here" Cloze activity is attached. <http://youtube.com/watch?v=pEwzUZET-RQ>
2. Tony Bennett
<http://youtube.com/watch?v=vRWqIHHpXd4&feature=related>
3. Barry Manilow
http://youtube.com/watch?v=XqEOUQvM_h4



Professional Development:

Trainings - Register at www.neable.org

- **Activities for Improving Listening Skills in the ESOL Classroom**
2/28/2008 from 3:00pm-5:30pm at the Henn Mansion in Euclid.
- **Using Authentic Materials in the Classroom**
2/29/08 from 9:00am-12noon at Franklin Elementary in Lakewood.
- **The Art of Building Vocabulary**
3/14/08 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm at Eastland-Fairfield Career Center in Carroll.
- **BEST Plus** on 4/16/08 from 9:30-3:30pm at the OCLC in Columbus.

Teach in China!

English Instructors to Teach at Wuhan University (July 14 - August 8)

The Wuhan University Summer Intensive English Program (WUSIEP) is a collaborative project between Wuhan University and The Ohio State University. In 2008, they will hold their 5th program. They are looking for 30 instructors to teach intensive English and American culture for 4 weeks at Wuhan University. Please visit <http://people.cohums.ohio-state.edu/li28/wuhanweb/index.htm> to see photos and learn more about this program.

ESOL Question:

How many BEST Plus tests are left in my program's account?

Trained BEST Plus testers can check their account balance online at www.best-plus.net.

Select "Activate BEST Plus administrations."

Sign in with your email, password and customer number (For this number contact best-plus@cal.org or christina@neable.org)

Click "Submit" to view *Administration Balance and Activation*

This page also allows you to activate your tests on your computer.

Simply enter the *Registration Key* at the bottom and click "Submit."

The *Purchase Code* will automatically appear and you can enter it into your computer.

The tests are then ready for use.

Send your question to TAPAS@neable.org and read the answer in the next issue.