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ESOL TAPAS

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL APPETIZERS

Build Vocabulary with Quia!

For the tech savvy teacher, the Northeast Resource Center has a special offer for you and your students to use for vocabulary building. As part of our TAPAS online community, the Center is offering 10 teachers a license for FY08 to quia.com under the condition that all resources are made public for the purpose of sharing with the field. This site license allows teachers to create customized educational software for students to build vocabulary skills. Templates are provided for interactive activities and games, as well as tools for assessment and classroom management. All resources are used virtually!

*If you are interested, please visit the Quia website to make sure you have the technology background and equipment to implement this project with your students. To participate, please contact the Center at (800) 361-7076.

Ohio TESOL: EXTRA SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY!

Once again the Resource Center Network (RCN) will offer the opportunity for ABE teachers to attend the Ohio TESOL conference as an additional professional development activity. The conference takes place November 17-18 in Columbus.

Register through the Northeast ABE Resource Center and your registration will be paid and you will be eligible for up to \$105 reimbursement for hotels and/or meals. Slots are limited! Reserve a space by registering on the training calendar on the website at: www.neable.org. The Resource Center will then send you the Conference Registration and Membership forms to complete your registration.

This is an additional professional development opportunity and will not affect your IPDP or any activity that you have chosen to participate in and/or receive reimbursement for this year.



Migrant Workers in Painesville ABE

NE RC LIBRARY RESOURCES

American Civics - This set of 20 books comes in its own book display holder. There are 4 titles of 5 books each, all by David Heath. Each book contains a glossary of terms, bibliography, useful address and internet sites. The set comes with a teacher's Resource Book containing a skills correlation chart, lesson plans, activities, and answer key. Titles include: *The Congress of the US, The Presidency of the US, The Supreme Court, Elections in the US.*

Sets are available upon request at www.neablelibrary.org.

Best Literacy Test Manuals: FREE!



BEST Literacy is the updated version of the literacy skills section of the *Basic English Skills Test (BEST)* that assesses reading and writing for ESOL students. The test was revised last fall by the Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL) and now includes three forms available - B, C and D. This test remains on the list of approved assessments in Ohio for ESOL students.

If your program uses the test, please note that the conversion tables for converting raw scores to scale scores have also been updated. You must use the appropriate conversion table for the version of the test that you have, or there may be inaccurate level placement. The conversion table for the original test with forms B and C can be downloaded from CAL's website at <http://www.cal.org/topics/ta/bestliteracy.html>. The new conversion table for the updated version with forms B, C and D can only be found in the *BEST Literacy Test Manual*. The Northeast ABE Resource Center has purchased copies of the manual for ABE ESOL programs to help ease confusion when converting scores.

If you are using the updated *BEST Literacy* and would like a copy of the manual, please contact the Resource Center at info@neable.org or (800) 361-7076.

Great Resources!

Speaking of Best, **BEST Plus** testers can now review scoring and testing procedures on their own time instead of attending another all-day training. The *BEST Plus Refresher Toolkit* is available as an alternative delivery professional development activity on the Calendar of Events at www.ohioable.org. It is a good idea for testers to review the rubric and scoring procedures before assessing students, especially if there has been a significant time lapse since they last tested.

Civics - Yesterday was National Citizenship Day. To help you honor it, here's a link to a Calendar of Civic Conversation Starters & Activities. <http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/instructor/electtalk.htm#CALENDAR> Though geared to children, these may spur ideas for you and your students.

Celebrate **World Teachers Day**, October 5, 2007! Nominate an exemplary teacher or educator you know. The 2007 focus for World Teachers Day is on equity and improving workplace conditions. The theme is "Better Working Conditions for Teachers Means Better Learning Conditions for Learners." Use the link below to find out more details. http://www.tesol.org/s_tesol/seccss.asp?CID=667&DID=2697