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ESOL TAPAS

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL APPETIZERS

Ohio TESOL Conference - Free registration Deadline for ABLE Registration is October 26th!

If you have not completed your *ABLE Registration form*, you are not registered yet! Submit the attached ABLE registration form and OTESOL membership form (if necessary) to the Northeast ABLE Resource Center in order to have your registration fee paid and become eligible for up to \$105 reimbursement for hotels and/or meals. The conference takes place November 16-17 at the Hilton Easton in Columbus.

1. Complete the Registration form
2. If you are not a member, complete the Membership form and send a check for \$25 made payable to "Ohio TESOL." You must be a member to take advantage of this opportunity.
3. Submit all forms to the Northeast ABLE Resource Center by **October 26th**!

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.

Great Resources!

English Baby! This website is the latest interactive online community for you and your ESOL students. Visit www.englishbaby.com to learn more.

10 Ways to Turn Lessons into Games - Visit the Internet TESL Journal at <http://iteslj.org/Techniques/Jones-LessonsIntoGames> to learn how to adapt your lessons.



Migrant Workers in Painesville ABLE

NE RC LIBRARY RESOURCES

Check out the following additions to the multicultural collection!

The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri, *The Lemon Tree* by Sandy Tolan, *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson, *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini and *If Today Be Sweet* by Thrity Umrigar

Available upon request at www.neablelibrary.org.



Naturalization Test: Redesigned

The USCIS has just announced the release of the redesign of the naturalization test on September 27, 2007. Therefore, the new test will begin implementation on or around September 28, 2008. The application date most likely will determine which test an applicant receives; those filing before the cut-off date will receive the old test, while those who file after will receive the new test.

RESOURCES:

The new questions have been piloted and are available at www.uscis.newtest. In addition, vocabulary for the reading and writing sections of the test can be found there.

Another great resource for your students is the federal government's portal for new immigrants at www.welcometousa.gov.

And there's more! The US Citizenship Podcast is loaded with information and resources to help students prepare for the test. Visit the site at <http://uscitizenpod.blogspot.com>.

There's even a Self Test to help students evaluate their knowledge of US Government and History as well as English abilities. This can be found at the USCIS's Education and Resources page at www.uscis.gov.

Culture in the Classroom

Looking for a new way to deal with culture in your classroom? The answer is CultureGrams!

This online program is a great way to expand cultural awareness for teachers and students.

Take a look at the demo online at www.culturegrams.com to learn more about all the aspects of the program. Contact the Northeast Resource Center for the special login and password to access the system. In addition, the Center has created lesson plans and support materials located <http://www.neable.org/resources/materials/instructional> to help you implement the program with your students. Have fun!