

CRITICAL THINKING through an Elementary Humanities Lens

Your ATA Professional Development Committee is offering a series of two interactive workshops to support professional practice in the understanding and application of Critical Thinking through a humanities lens. This series will be geared towards those teaching in an Elementary Humanities setting. By the end of these sessions, participants will have had the opportunity to form critical questions in the classroom intended to move student thinking to a deeper understanding of concepts. Our presenter, Wally Diefenthaler, is an experienced educator and facilitator. He led the development and writing of the new Social Studies high school curriculum in Alberta. Diefenthaler has received numerous awards including the Governor General's Award for excellence in Teaching Canadian History, the Alberta Premier's Award of Excellence, the ATA Social Studies Council Award of Excellence and is a founding member of Canadian Council for Geographic Education. Wally has extensive speaking experience on Social Studies related topics to a wide range of audiences and has organized and led hundreds of consultations on Social Studies and critical thinking strategies.

We ask that participants commit to both sessions.

Activity	Critical Thinking – Elementary with a Humanities Focus
Location	The Ramada Plaza Airport Hotel, formerly known as Greenwood Inn & Suites: 3515 26 ST NE, Calgary, Alberta
Time/Date	Session #1: Thursday, April 17, 2014 8:30 – 11:30 AM includes a continental breakfast Session #2: Thursday, May 8, 2014 1:00 – 4:00 PM includes a light snack
Audience	Grades 1 - 6 Teachers & Administrators
Registration	Registration is limited to 30 applications. Substitute coverage will be provided by Calgary Public Teachers. Successful applicants will be notified by the ATA office and will receive a substitute code at that time. Email confirmations will be sent by Thursday, April 10, 2014
Deadline	Wednesday, April 9, 2014

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Should this event be over-subscribed, final registration will be determined by a random draw.

Name (please print): _____ Grade Level: _____

Name of PD Opportunity: _____

School: _____ Email: _____

Is a substitute required? YES NO (Please circle/highlight choice)

Should you require additional information, please contact Sharon Retallack at saretallack@cbe.ab.ca or Sheila Dow at ssdow@cbe.ab.ca