

**2008 Central States Conference Workshop/Extension Workshop (CW/EW)
Thursday, March 6, 2008 Dearborn, MI**

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Focus on Literacy: Reading, Rigor and Relevance!

Presenter: Laura Terrill, Lawrence Central H.S., Indianapolis, IN

Language Teachers are Reading Teachers! The current emphasis on reading instruction in schools as a result of No Child Left Behind provides an opportunity for language teachers to shine. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to focus on a wide variety of reading strategies designed to enhance student engagement with various texts while strengthening vocabulary acquisition. Participants will also work with reading texts to introduce language structures and will explore assessment strategies for the interpretive mode. Essential questions to be addressed include:

- What is strategic reading? What strategies can be used before, during and after reading to enhance student engagement and comprehension?
- What performance standards are in place for teaching the interpretive reading skill?
- What is the role of vocabulary in reading instruction? What strategies can be used to enhance acquisition of vocabulary?
- What should students be reading? How can we incorporate more relevant and authentic material?
- How can authentic texts be used as a springboard for teaching language structures?
- How can the interpretive skills be assessed?

Participants are encouraged to bring a reading text that they are planning to teach before the end of the year. Participants will refer to this text as they begin to develop an outline for the extension workshop they will present.

The Extension Workshop program furthers the CSC goal to disseminate knowledge to the entire 17-state region by giving participants in the Conference Workshop materials to conduct a similar workshop in their home area. After completing their own workshop at home, the participants will receive a small honorarium. The Extension Workshop is open only to participants who have submitted proposals in advance and who have been selected to attend. More information and registration forms can be found on the following page or on the CSC website, www.csctfl.org.

**PROPOSAL FOR 2008 CENTRAL STATES CONFERENCE
EXTENSION WORKSHOP PROGRAM in Dearborn, MI
March 6, 2008 8:30a.m.-4:30p.m.**

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INFORMATION ON THE PARTICIPANT

Name:

School affiliation:

Home address: (Please indicate where you would prefer to receive mail.)

Home telephone:

E-mail:

Participant's position and language(s) taught:

Have you been selected for participation in the EW by a Foreign Language organization?
If yes, by which one?

Have you been a participant in a CSC CW/EW before? If yes, which year(s)?

INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED EXTENSION WORKSHOP (EW)

1. What kind of format is envisioned for Extension Workshops? For example, will the EW be part of an in-service day, a state conference, a methods class, a FL teachers' meeting, etc.?

2. From how wide an area, from which instructional levels, and from which language groups will participants come?

**Submit this proposal before February 6, 2008 to Patricia Westphal,
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NOTE: Although there is no charge for the Extension Workshop, all participants must register for the 2008 Central States Conference in Dearborn, MI.