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FREELANCE CURRIULUM WRITING

Educational Philosophy: My nearly thirty-year experience as a classroom Social Studies teacher has provided me with a wealth of experience in how students learn and what materials teachers need to be successful. Taking into consideration all levels of student ability, I design lessons that encompass different student learning styles and help develop necessary writing and thinking skills. These activities enable a wide range of student participation and provide them with important and measurable knowledge and skills.

Freelance Writing Experience: Over the past two years as a freelance writer, I have created over 35 lessons for national news and education organizations, including the PBS *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*, *Newsweek Education Program*, *FRONTLINE*, *History Channel*, and *Social Studies School Service*. I have also consulted for several other education organizations including *American Experience*, the *Southern Center for International Studies*, and *Media Education Consultants*. In addition, I produce professional development workshops for the Council for Opportunities in Education and Oregon Council for the Social Studies.

Examples of Classroom Lessons:

- Writer of teacher guide for *NewsHour's Extra* on "International Role Play on Iran's Nuclear Program"
http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/teachers/lessonplans/world/iran_nuclear.html
- Writer of teacher guide for *PBS Washington Week* on "Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings"
<http://www.pbs.org/weta/washingtonweek/educators/scotus.html>
- Writer of the teacher guide for *PBS FRONTLINE* episode on "The Insurgency"
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/teach/insurgency/>
- Writer of map, teacher guide, and online resources for *Newsweek Education Program* "Issues Today Wall Map" on *The Middle East* http://www.newsweekeducation.com/online_activities/mideast.php
- Writer of map, teacher guide, and online resources for *Newsweek Education Program* "Issues Today Wall Map" on *The Two Americas* (Release date fall, 2006)
- Writer of PowerPoint presentation for *Social Studies School Service* "The U.S. Constitution" tracing the English roots of constitutionalism, the Colonial Experience and the federal convention of 1787. PowerPoint package comes complete with review questions, activities and bibliography. (To be released)
- Writer of Multimedia Classroom DVD for *The History Channel: Mystical Monuments of Greece, Ponce de Leon: the First Conquistador, and Mexico: God, Gold, and Glory*. (To be released)

Consulting

- Newsweek Education Program, correlating Newsweek educational products to state Language Arts and Social Studies standards for California, Florida, and Texas.
- The Southern Center for International Studies on the *World in Transition* series for U.S. Air Force Junior ROTC program and South Asia, the newest unit in series.
- PBS TeacherSource on new initiatives and program development.
- Board Member, Oregon Council for the Social Studies, 2004 to present

Accomplishments

Constitution Project, Executive Director (Since 1995)

Directed a national institute for teachers entitled "Congress and American Democracy" in association with the National Archives in 1995.

Since 1998, co-wrote and produce a mock congress workshop in association with the Council for Opportunities in Education's (TRIO Programs) Student Leadership Congress.

<http://www.trioprograms.org/nationalstudentleadershipcongress.html>

Since 1999, Co-Executive Director of Artistic Visions of America; AVA develops technology driven, community-based art projects that honor a community's history and foster citizen participation. www.avamurals.org