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## **SUSAN ZIMMERMANN** **MOSAIC OF THOUGHT AND** **7 KEYS TO COMPREHENSION WORKSHOPS: AN** **OVERVIEW OF THE COMPREHENSION STRATEGIES**

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2010 9 A.M. – 3 P.M.**  
**REGISTRATION FEE: \$60**  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 8/16/10**

An internationally-known speaker and workshop leader, **Susan Zimmermann** is co-author of the educational bestsellers *Mosaic of Thought*, Second Edition (2007) and *7 Keys to Comprehension* (with Chryse Hutchins, 2003). She co-founded and served as the Executive Director of the Denver-based Public Education and Business Coalition, an organization that has *spearheaded ground-breaking comprehension work*. During her ten years there, she initiated numerous programs to improve the quality of public schools, including the Reading Project, which has been implemented in more than one hundred schools and provides the examples in *Mosaic of Thought*, Second Edition, and *7 Keys to Comprehension*. Currently a full-time speaker and writer, Susan has given hundreds of workshops, keynotes, and summer institutes in over 40 states, throughout Canada, and in Mexico on ways to deepen reading and writing experiences for adults and children. This *interactive workshop provides a snapshot of the comprehension strategies while taking the participants on a journey into their own reading*. It is based on the premise that for adults to understand and teach the comprehension strategies outlined in *Mosaic of Thought* and *7 Keys to Comprehension*, they must first consciously apply them in their own reading and discuss them with peers.

## **2010 LITERACY INSTITUTE**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND**  
**REGISTER ONLINE NOW!**

Monday, July 26, 2010, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**KATHY BUMGARDNER**

Registration Fee: \$75 (non-refundable)

*Meaningful and Timely Classroom Literacy Instruction That Works!*

Wednesday, July 28, 2010, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**RALPH FLETCHER**

Registration Fee: \$100 (non-refundable)

*Widening the Circle*

Thursday, July 29, 2010, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**KATIE WOOD RAY**

Registration Fee: \$100 (non-refundable)

*Improving the Process of Creative Work – Planning, Drafting, Revising and Editing*

Friday, July 30, 2010, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**KAREN HAAG**

Registration Fee: \$75 (non-refundable)

*Creating Reading – Writing Projects*

*Session descriptions at [www.wresa.org](http://www.wresa.org)*

This institute is geared toward K-12. Before registering, please read the session description to make sure the information to be presented meets your needs. If you have questions, please contact Carol Bennett at [cbennett@wresa.org](mailto:cbennett@wresa.org) or 828.418.0011, ext. 17. Registration Deadline: 7/12/10



**Summer Leadership Conference 2010 June 27-30, 2010 Grove Park Inn –Asheville, NC**  
*Register Online at [www.wresa.org](http://www.wresa.org)*

### **NEW WRESA VIDEOS**

WRESA has developed a new option on the website. Videos focusing on education news, professional development, and educational areas of interest are now accessible. Just click on the videos link on the website, then choose the appropriate tab at the top of the page. Teacher Evaluation Training videos from Cheryl Fuller's training session are now available on the site. To access some of the videos, you will need a password. Please contact Kathy Carver at [kcarver@wresa.org](mailto:kcarver@wresa.org) or 418-0011, ext 19 to access the password.

### **Interested in globalization??**

EF Educational Tours is partnering with WRESA to provide an opportunity for educators to travel to China in Summer 2011.

**More information to come!!**

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS JUNE – SEPTEMBER 2010**

June 16 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>NCAEE Region 8 Conference: Getting Ready For The Best Year Ever!</b> Facilitator: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 6/10/10
June 22 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Reading Strategies that Bridge Narrative and Expository Texts</b> Presenter: Tom Tufts, Educator and Author of <i>The Night Before Middle School</i> Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: 7/9/10
July 16 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Poets Come Alive</b> Presenter: Keena Proctor, Local Educator Registration Fee: \$35 Registration Deadline: 7/9/10

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July 19 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Early Planning for Successful Retirement</b> Facilitators: Bob Byrd, School Improvement Coordinator & April Spencer, Secondary Education Coordinator Presenter: Robert Ayers      Registration Fee: \$35      Registration Deadline: 7/12/10
July 20 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Teaching to Poverty</b> Presenter: April Spencer, Ruby Payne Certified Trainer      Registration Fee: \$60      Registration Deadline: 7/12/10
July 20 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Introduction to the Science House Technologies</b> Presenter: Michelle Benigno, Science House      Registration Fee: \$35      Registration Deadline: 7/12/10
July 22 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Engaging Reluctant Readers and Writers Through Artistic Expression: Why We Should Integrate Art with Reading and Writing</b> Presenters: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator; Autumn Hayball, Art Graduate; Amy Hendrix, Entrepreneur: Simply Stunning4U      Registration Fee: \$50      Registration Deadline: 7/12/10
August 2-5 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	<b>New Math Curriculum Planning Summer Institute</b> Presenters: Regional Faculty      Registration Fee: \$50      Registration Deadline: 7/26/10
August 5 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Problem-Based Learning with the News: A Logical Place to Start</b> Presenter: Sandra Cook, NIE, NC Press Foundation      Registration Fee: \$50      Registration Deadline: 7/23/10
August 16 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Surviving The First Days of School: Beginning Teacher Training</b> Presenters: Karen Sumner, Western Region Education Facilitator; Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator; April Spencer, Secondary Education Coordinator      Registration Fee: \$35      Registration Deadline: 8/1/10
August 31 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Designing Instruction Through Formative Assessment: Using the K-2 Literacy Assessment to Inform Instruction</b> Presenter: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator      Registration Fee: \$35      Registration Deadline: 7/23/10
September 9, 17, 23 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Mentor Training (3-day training)</b> Presenter: Karen Sumner, Western Region Education Facilitator      Registration Fee: \$50      Registration Deadline: 8/25/10
September 13 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Understanding the Adolescent Female</b> Presenter: April Spencer, Secondary Education Coordinator      Registration Fee: \$35      Registration Deadline: 9/3/10
September 13, 14 October 5, 6, 19 8:15 a.m.– 3:30 p.m.	<b>NC SIP II Foundation Training (5-day training)</b> Presenter: Lynn Bailey, Literacy Consultant, DPI      Registration Fee: None Required      Registration Deadline: 9/1/10
September 14 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Moving To Success: K-5 Physical Education</b> Presenter: Dan Young, Consultant, Moving To Success      Registration Fee: \$35      Registration Deadline: 8/31/10
September 15 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Integrating Game Tactics with Motor Skill Progression: Grades 6-12 Physical Education</b> Presenter: Dan Young, Consultant, Moving To Success      Registration Fee: \$35      Registration Deadline: 8/31/10
September 16 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Close Reading and Academic Writing Strategies</b> Presenters: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator; Karen Sumner, Western Region Education Facilitator Registration Fee: \$35      Registration Deadline: 9/3/10
September 21-22 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Teacher Evaluation Instrument Training</b> Presenter: Karen Sumner, Western Region Education Facilitator      Registration Fee: \$20      Registration Deadline: 9/1/10
	<b>ONLINE COURSES --- Registration Fee: \$35</b> <i>(some online classes also require the purchase of a book)</i>
June - August	<b>Book Study: Do-Able Differentiation: Varying Groups, Texts, and Supports to Reach Readers</b> Instructor: Carol Bennett, Elementary Education Coordinator      Registration Deadline: 5/28/10
June 15 – August 15	<b>Book Study: Professional Learning Communities</b> Instructors: April Spencer, Secondary Education Coordinator; Karen Sumner, Western Region Education Facilitator Registration Deadline: 6/11/10
Throughout the Year	<b>Computer Classes</b> (Listing available on our website – <a href="http://www.wresa.org">www.wresa.org</a> ) Instructor: Charles George, Technology Coordinator

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