Course Follow-up Activities

Monitoring Comprehension
(K-5)

Note: It is recommended that participants in the video course complete follow-up activities to deepen their knowledge and skills. When these activities are completed in accordance with local staff development guidelines, participants may be able to earn additional professional development credit. Contact your local staff development office for determining how you might receive credit for completing the video program and additional credit for completing follow-up activities.

Activity 1 Plan a Lesson
Plan a lesson for your students that integrate one of the following comprehension monitoring strategies. Outline your lesson and summarize the results of teaching the lesson.

- **Before, During, and After Reading Strategies**

- **Directed Reading-Thinking Activity**

- **Question-Answer Relationships**

Activity 2 Strategies for Struggling Readers
Select a student or group of students who is struggling with reading comprehension. Use two or more of the strategies taught in the course to develop a plan for providing intensive instruction for these students. Share your plan with a colleague or reading coach and ask for his or her feedback. Implement the strategies with your students and share the results with the same colleague. Discuss successes and challenges of the plan. Outline your plan, the results of implementing it and the main points of your discussion with your colleague.

Activity 3 Explore and Share Resources
Explore the resources listed below and develop a handout that describes these sites or three of your own choosing. Share the handout with your colleagues.

The Literacy Web at the University of Connecticut The Literacy Web is designed to promote the use of the Internet as a tool to assist classroom teachers in their search for best practices in literacy instruction.

ReadingQuest: Making Sense in Social Studies is a Wake Forest University website designed for social studies teachers who wish to more effectively engage their students with the content in their classes. However, the strategies are appropriate for any content area.

Teaching Tips: Reading Comprehension Strategies One of the links of the eMINTS National Center which is a collaborative education program sponsored by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the University of Missouri System Office of Academic Affairs.