



## Course Follow-up Activities

### Writing in Content Areas: Understanding Content

**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 Engage colleagues

Review the video program, handouts, and presentation notes in preparation for delivering the course content to your colleagues. After making this presentation to your colleagues, list the following:

What were the reactions of your colleagues to your presentation?

What suggestions did they have for enhancing the topic?

What additional resources did they suggest for using the information?

#### Activity 2 Plan a lesson

Select a topic relative to your current classroom curriculum. During lesson planning, include objectives related to helping students understand text through writing. Utilize the following:

- Three column note taking guide
- A jigsaw activity (identifying topic sentence and example or explanation)

#### Activity 3 Explore and share resources

Using the links listed below, summarize at least 5 key points that would enhance teacher knowledge about students' use of strategies to enhance text comprehension. Develop a handout to share your ideas with your colleagues.

<http://score.rims.k12.ca.us/teachers/contentliteracy/>

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/professional/teachtech/internetreadwrite.htm#writing>

<http://www.tengrrl.com/tens/016.shtml>