

GR. 6 ELA PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TESTING AND GRADE 6 SOCIAL STUDIES: USING ALBERTA EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT TEST SCORING GUIDES

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"How do we measure up?" All registrants will receive a Feedback Form by email within the week following the session. We thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this brief survey as future learning opportunities are based on your input.

Date: Thursday, March 8, 2012 in Lethbridge
Friday, March 9, 2012 in Medicine Hat
Time: 8:45am – 3:30pm
Location: Lethbridge Site – TBA
Medicine Hat – Site TBA
Cost: \$40 includes lunch and refreshments

Every May and June, Alberta Education administers Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) for Grade 6 students in English Language Arts (ELA) and Social Studies. There are 2 parts to the ELA assessment: Part A: Writing and Part B: Reading. From this workshop, teachers will become more familiar with what to expect in the provincial assessment for Grade 6 English Language Arts Teachers will also enhance their understanding of the scoring criteria and standards set by Alberta Education for Grade 6 readers and writers in Alberta. In the afternoon, the teachers will learn more about the question formats used in the PAT, helping to shape critical inquiry/thinking skills throughout the year in diverse classroom learning experiences. Teachers will be able to share these insights with students, taking the "guess work" out of some question techniques and response skills. Come to this session to gain greater confidence as a Gr. 6 teacher and share this assurance with students on a regular basis.

This workshop is intended to address the following:

- **Familiarize** teachers with the documents available at www.education.alberta.ca that relate specifically to Gr. 6 English Language Arts and Social Studies provincial assessment and to Alberta provincial assessment in general
- **Demonstrate** the correlation between the program of studies and the provincial assessment
- **Illustrate** the steps involved in creating the PAT
- **Explore** the types of questions that are found on the Gr. 6 PAT's for ELA and Social Studies
- **View** examples of prior writing prompts (both narrative and functional)
- **Clarify** the provincial assessment scoring criteria for both the narrative and the functional writing assignments in ELA 6
- **Examine** samples of students' work at all levels of the scoring criteria
- **Pose** any questions and seek clarification regarding the PATs
- **Learn** some tips when preparing for the provincial assessment

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Payments received after workshop date will be assessed a \$10 late fee

REGISTRATION FORM

(Online registration available: www.sapdc.ca)

Name: _____ School: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Grade Level(s) _____

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