Building an Engaging Novel Unit
Grades 4-12

Have a novel you love to teach, but want some fresh ideas? Are you getting ready to teach a novel but feel unsure about where to start the process of planning? Wondering how you can effectively structure lessons and teaching methods to ensure an engaging and impactful learning experience for all students?

Building an Engaging Novel Unit workshop is designed for grades 4-12 teachers seeking a framework for structuring lessons throughout the course of a novel. Through this one-day professional learning experience, participants will learn strategies to prepare students for reading, interacting with the text in writing and speaking, and extending learning beyond the text through SEL literacy strategies while also integrating language-rich activities to support English learners. The workshop will also help you build reading support that is motivational and aligned to grade level standards. Opportunities to engage in novel-based lessons exemplifying high expectations with high levels of support will be provided. Time to discuss ideas, reflect on instructional shifts, and plan together will be embedded.

In preparation for this workshop, participants are asked to bring a novel they would like to teach. Also, any resources they might need to reference such as school curriculum, pacing guide, or scope and sequence (if available).

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CANCELLATIONS - Participants must cancel ten (10) working days prior to the event in writing via fax or email; those who do not will be billed for the registration fee. Workshops are subject to rescheduling or cancellation if a minimum of fifteen (15) participants have not registered ten (10) working days prior to the event.