

SBVC Professional Development

Great Teachers' Seminar '05



Imagine a Day...
...when the edge of the map
is only the beginning of what
we can explore

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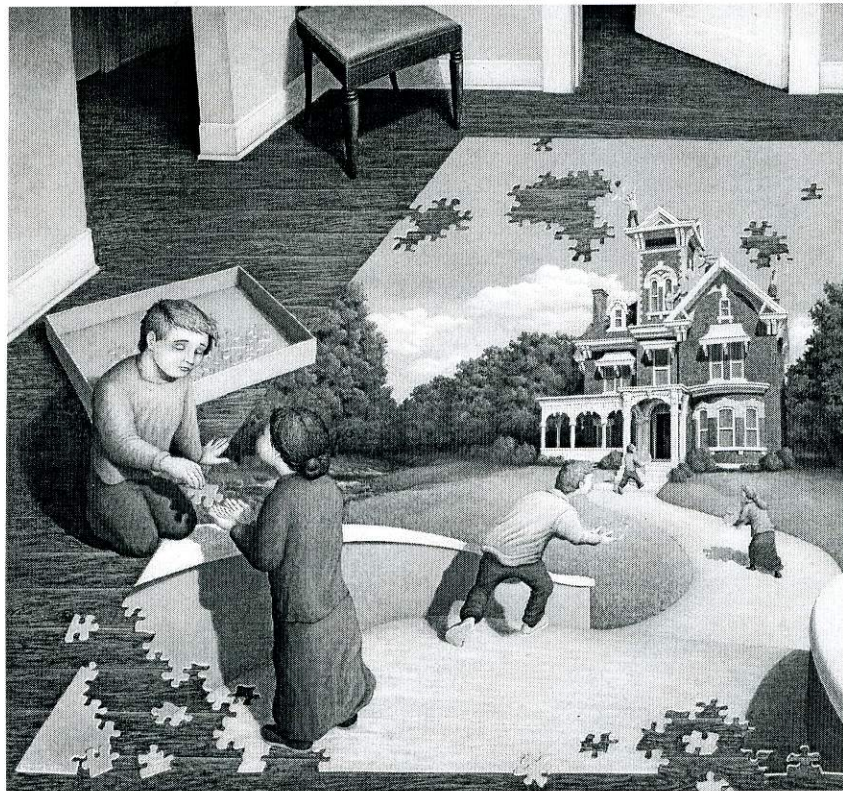
SAMPLE — PLEASE
ENJOY IT AND LEAVE IT

Participants

*Elaine Akers
Don Buchanan
Robin Calote
Achala Chatterjee
Yon Che
Dan Clauss
Nahla El-Said
Ginny Evans-Perry
Todd Heibel
Mike McHargue
Judy Okamura
Jose Recinos
Bert Reins
James Robinson
Matie Scully
Ed Szumski
John Stanskas
Debra Ward
James Watson
Kay Weiss*

*Imagine a day...
...when you build the world
around you piece by piece.*

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By Sarah Thomson with
paintings by Rob Gonsalves



SBVC Great Teachers' Great Ideas

1st Day of Class

What do you do to make the first day successful?

Judy Okamura -- I do a "volcano" reaction in which a compound decompresses giving off sparks. This is really interesting to look at. I use to introduce the chemistry topics we will be covering during the semester.

Mike McHargue -- Body Sort

Don Buchanan -- Review syllabus thoroughly, introduce myself and academic background, and initiate learning names of students

Debra Ward-- An introduction strategy:

- a) Give your students a paper containing four boxes. Ask them to answer the questions listed in the boxes. When completed they scramble around the room until they find another student that has a similar remark in any of the boxes.

Give 3 adjectives that describe you.	What are you most proud of?
What is your psychological home?	If I had one year to live I'd...

Every one shares their similarities.

Robin Calote -- Hand students a sheet of paper with four open-ended statements:

- I'm taking this class because....
- I'm happy to learn that
- I'm worried that...
- I hope

I collect the papers and redistribute them. I have the students read each response to the first statement out loud, the repeat for each successive statement. This is a non-threatening way for students to hear each other's hopes and fears.

John Stanskas -- Tour of building (my office, mailbox), and campus services (Deans Office, Tutoring Center)

Jose Recinos -- Have them introduce eachother in the target language (Spanish).

