

PACIFIC NORTHWEST GREAT TEACHERS SEMINAR

PREPARATION FOR THE SEMINAR

(The Brief, but Essential Homework Assignment)

The Great Teachers seminar is based on the exchange of ideas among colleagues in many disciplines from many colleges. The focus of the seminar is on the art of teaching, not on the teaching of specific fields. Come ready to share ideas, innovations, instructional problems, philosophy, and visions. Advance preparation of all participants is vital to the success of the conference. Please bring the following;

1. **A short one-page description of a successful instructional innovation (40 copies)** that you have used. The idea may be your own or it may be an idea that you have borrowed, just as long as you have tried it. It need not be astounding or exhaustive, as you will be able to give details in small group discussions. Please bring copies on colored paper to distribute to all seminar participants. And remember to put your name on it!



2. **A short one-page description of an instructional problem (40 copies)** that you have encountered. Ideally the problem would be common to many teachers. Please bring copies on colored paper to distribute to all seminar participants. And remember to put your name on it!

3. **A book or two that you have found especially interesting or valuable as a teacher or learner.** Or, perhaps, the last, most engaging book you have read. These items will be included in the seminar library; of course, you can reclaim them at the end of the week.



Optional...but encouraged:

- ④ **Something for Tomorrow** What simple thing can you share that others could potentially use in their classrooms that requires minimum preparation? Demonstrate an activity, a teaching technique, a short lesson, or resource that can be demonstrated in 5 to 15 minutes. Bring any cartoons or articles with your favorite teaching theme to share. Something that you have used on the first-day-of-class would be good too.