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## UMF Seminar for K-8 Teachers

### *Using Children's Literature and Trade Books to Teach Social Studies (Grades K-8)*

*June 30 - July 2, 2008*

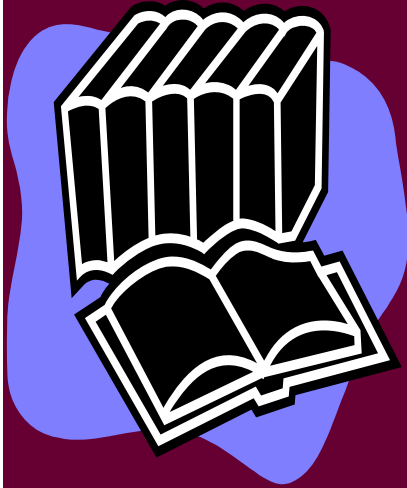
*9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*

*UMF's Olsen Student Center, North Dining B & C*

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### **Awaken Your Students to the *Excitement* of Social Studies Through Literature**

As K-8 teachers, you know how important it is for your students to learn about the world — its history, geography, historical and world leaders, customs and cultures, of their own, and other countries.

The Maine Learning Results demonstrate the importance of the knowledge and skills your students should acquire through social studies. Yet the MEAs no longer test for social studies knowledge, meaning this is an area of study that frequently is sacrificed in the reality of your classroom.

Are you looking for ways to keep a focus on social studies and still meet all of the other needs of your students and school district?

**Literature** can be a significant part of your answer to this dilemma. **Literacy skills** are critical for student success in any school, at any grade level, in any subject matter. The use of carefully selected trade books to emphasize social studies concepts can help make social studies a part of the literacy instruction you provide every day for your students.

## **Topics to Be Covered In This Three Day Seminar**

This seminar will provide you with a large variety of strategies and activities to help your K-8 students learn important social studies concepts and skills while they also increase their literacy skills. As a participant, you will learn how to carefully select the trade books and other forms of children's literature that can best hold your students' attention as well as address important social studies content.

During the seminar, you will find opportunities to create sample literature-based, hands-on activities and assessments for their social studies classes or literature instruction.

Instructors will demonstrate integration and assessment design techniques to address the needs of diverse student populations and grade levels. Although not required, participants are urged to come in teams of two or more in order to address your specific school-based and district-wide curriculum needs.

In addition to learning specific literature-based strategies, you will have time to use materials provided by the instructors to design exemplar lessons that can serve as the base for a new literature-based social studies curriculum.

## **Samples of Strategies and Activities That Will Be Explored**

- Read Alouds
- Group books
- Book passes
- Book bags
- Literature circles
- Literacy Maps
- Period music
- Mock trials of characters
- Memory boxes
- Character charades
- Period newspapers
- Four Corners
- Concept maps and webs
- Debates
- Journaling
- Story boards
- Wind socks
- Readers theatre
- Living museums
- Murals
- Scrapbooks
- Riddle cards
- Book bingo
- More than 40 strategies in all

## Seminar and Registration Details

- June 30, July 1 & 2; 9:00—2:00;
- Registration: \$150; refunds permitted with written notice before June 16;
- Registration Deadline: June 9;
- 15 contact hours will be awarded;
- Use form below to register;
- **Questions? 778-7502 or [valerie.soucie@maine.edu](mailto:valerie.soucie@maine.edu)**

### **REGISTRATION FORM**

**Deadline for Registration: June 9**

***Using Children's Literature and Trade Books to Teach Social Studies***

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HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE(S) YOU TEACH: \_\_\_\_\_

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