



## ***Building Self-Reliant Learners: Using Thinking Strategies to Comprehend Text***

Research indicates that children who fail to read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade have an 80% chance of dropping out of high school and an 88% chance of never reading on level. The National Reading Panel cites five components that are necessary for reading success. Three of those are foundational skills: Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, and Fluency. Students need to be able to hear sounds in words, attach sounds to letters, and read with automaticity so the brain can focus on meaning, not decoding. Vocabulary and Comprehension are the other two components. The ultimate goal of reading is to comprehend what is read. In order to comprehend, our students need to know “how” to think.

During this four-day workshop, school teams of four teachers will spend three days focusing on thinking strategies students need to make sense of text and on the gradual release model of instruction, which ensures that our students have the time to “think.” The fourth day will include a visit to a local elementary school to observe a lab lesson with a teacher who has implemented these thinking strategies along with gradual release.

Woven throughout the training, participants will see clear connections to these:

- Kentucky English Language Arts Common Core Standards
- Key Strategies for Formative Assessment
- Principles and Practices of Differentiation
- Domains of Planning and Instruction within the Framework for Professional Growth and Effectiveness

*Nancy Huston is excited about leading this initiative. Nancy’s background includes working as our regional KY Reading First coach, the assistant to the director of the WKU Reading Project, and GRREC’s Early Reading First Grant Coordinator. She is currently working as GRREC’s Elementary Literacy Consultant.*

Audience:	To build vertical capacity, sessions are intentionally aligned for a team of four. <b>School Team of four:</b> Kindergarten, 1 <sup>st</sup> grade, 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade and 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade teachers and the Principal, a Curriculum Coordinator, or Instructional Supervisor is encouraged to attend to support the Team
Dates:	School Teams may choose between two cadre options. Cadre 1: Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 14 (Day 4: Lab Classroom will be schedule in Nov. 2014) Cadre 2: Feb. 12 & 19, March 5, 2015 (Day 4: Lab Classroom will be scheduled in March 2015)
Location:	Green River Regional Educational Cooperative 230 Technology Way, Bowling Green, Kentucky, 42101
Time:	8:30-3:30 (Central Time Zone) Registration and Continental Breakfast will begin at 8:00 a.m. Lunch will be on your own.
Cost:	\$1200.00 per team of four teachers and one instructional support coach <b><i>(No cost to participants from these districts due to their participation in the kid-FRIENDLY grant: Adair, Campbellsville, Carroll, Caverna, Cloverport, Daviess, Green, Hart, Henry, Logan, Metcalfe, Monroe Owensboro, Russell, Shelby, Simpson, Spencer, Taylor, Trimble, Union, West Point)</i></b>

*Space is limited to 10 School Teams per Cadre*

EILA Credit is available

### Registration Form

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Please check which cadre your team would prefer to attend:

- Cadre 1: Sept. 18, Oct. 16, and November 14, 2014  
 Cadre 2: Feb. 12 & 19, 2013, and March 5, 2015

***Please list each team member and email address in the table below.***

Content	Last Name, First Name (please print)	Email address
Kindergarten		
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade		
Instructional Coach/Position	Last Name, First Name (please print)	Email address

District: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Email: \_\_\_\_\_

P.O. # \_\_\_\_\_ (PO # required for registration except for kid-FRIENDLY districts participants)

- Please check if your district is one of these kid-FRIENDLY participating districts:  
***Adair, Campbellsville, Carroll, Caverna, Cloverport, Daviess, Green, Hart, Henry, Logan, Metcalfe, Monroe, Owen, Owensboro, Russell, Shelby, Simpson, Spencer, Taylor, Trimble, Union, West Point***

Note: School districts (or schools) will be billed following the activity based upon registration. Please cancel your registration within five (5) working days of the activity to avoid being billed for the fee and to allow another participant the opportunity to attend. Substitutions will be allowed.

**Registration Deadline: June 10, 2014**

**Please fax this completed form to Kim Guffy at (270) 904-0921**

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