

One Hour Workshop



Welcome! I'm glad you're here.

Teachers wear (too) many hats. Maximizing quality instructional time can be a constant battle. I know, firsthand, how limited time can undermine student success and teacher confidence.

This condensed workshop is designed to help teachers deliver content efficiently. While no instructional strategy is fool-proof, the Explicit Instructional (E I) method is a simple, effective, time-tested approach to help improve student learning.

Explicit Instruction: The Triumph of Simplicity

Complex strategies can overwhelm content. Explicit instruction provides a structured framework for presenting historical content and concepts. Through clear explanations, examples, guided practice, real-time assessments, and applying multiple modalities, students can build a strong content knowledge foundation.

Content is King. This teacher-led, targeted approach ensures students are on the same page, allowing for more efficient use of class time to work with and comprehend historical content and concepts. A sound content-based foundation builds a better project.

About Multiple Modalities

I promise this is the only edu-jargon I will use. They have a saying in the restaurant business, "Presentation is everything." This adage applies to EI, too. It is about delivering content in different ways to maintain student interest and keep the lesson fresh and moving forward. Short video clips, primary source documents, music, maps, call-response, and dramatic readings, are examples.

Consider the Source

No sources, no history. Frequent application of historical sources reinforce their primary role in studying and understanding the past, and pairs perfectly with explicit instruction.

Workshop Resources

Each participant will receive a folder that includes: A simple guideline for explicit instruction, replicas of historical sources, document and map analysis forms, and a free historical map. No junk handouts, only the resources required to effectively teach a lesson simply and effectively.



Thank you for the courtesy of your time and attention. Please email me at the address below if you have interest, questions, or comments. I look forward to hearing from you!

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