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## Inquiry Reading Workshops

### Strategies for reading across the high school curriculum

Developed in high schools in Chicago and New York City, Inquiry Reading is a method that high school teachers can use to help students read for comprehension in all subject areas, as they grasp and retain new concepts and information.

#### **Inquiry Reading workshops help high school teachers in all disciplines:**

- Learn methods for improving students' reading and thinking
- Identify students' needs and learn strategies to meet them
- Work through concrete steps that help students manage difficult texts
- Learn questioning methods to improve students' comprehension and critical thinking
- Get clear explanations of underlying theory and research about reading
- Practice Inquiry Reading strategies with coaching

"Inquiry Reading really engages students with the text. Even the most introverted students get involved."

—High school dean of science, Queens, NY

#### **Using Inquiry Reading strategies students will learn to:**

- Focus on the content of a text and attain thorough understanding
- Read actively, ask questions, retain knowledge, and take initiative for learning
- Resolve confusion and answer questions themselves
- Use new strategies independently to get the most out of assignments

"The teacher only asked us about our ideas. We did the work ourselves."

—Basic science student, Queens, NY

"I guess I am really smarter than I thought."

—American history student, Chicago, IL

*(continued on reverse)*

## Inquiry Reading Workshops

- ◆ Inquiry Reading Workshop A (5 hours): Includes brief practice session.
- ◆ Inquiry Reading Workshop B (2 days, 10 hours): Includes full practice session and planning for implementation.

Materials: Inquiry Reading teacher handbook

Maximum group size: 35

Cost: \$2,000 per day (customized rates are available)

## Additional Inquiry Reading Professional Development

To expand the learning that takes place in Inquiry Reading Workshops A and B, we offer quality on-site professional development that supports teachers for implementation and maintenance of Inquiry Reading strategies. Options include:

- Classroom modeling and coaching for teachers
- Facilitated meetings to plan, problem solve, and assess student progress
- Mentor development with individual coaching and support materials
- Implementation assessment tools for school leaders
- Inquiry Reading Next Steps Workshop (5 hours)

## Professional Development That Gets Results

According to the National Staff Development Council, Great Books professional development is effective in increasing student achievement. In fact, a review in the spring 2003 issue of the *Journal of Staff Development* concluded that the Great Books program was one of only five professional development offerings listed as effective for students in all three age groups evaluated—elementary, middle, and high school.

**To find out more about Inquiry Reading Workshops or about Great Books professional development, please visit [www.greatbooks.org](http://www.greatbooks.org) or call 800-222-5870 and ask for the sales representative for your state.**



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