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Differentiating Thinkfinity Lessons

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Thinkfinity End of Grant Final Report, 2009
Cornerstone 1: Expansion and Enhancement of Thinkfinity
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Project Objective:

The aim of this project was to update and improve the lesson plans on the Thinkfinity web-site to incorporate the most recent theory of differentiation. Differentiation provides classroom instruction targeted to mixed ability groups of students. A differentiated lesson plan is designed to help teachers meet the academic needs of a diverse student population in today's classrooms.

Progress to date:

The differentiated lesson plans are displayed and available to the public on Pace University's digital commons site, made available by Rey Racelis from University Library Systems Services. The sampling of differentiated lesson plans range from elementary to high school and incorporates an array of subjects. This project is in the beginning stage and is expected to expand with the additional funding.

Impact:

I have attached the data indicating the number of "hits" for the fall 2009 semester. This is the very beginning of this project and it is encouraging that we have attracted such interest and attention. The dissemination of Pace School of Education students' material is helping the field and providing name recognition to Pace and Thinkfinity.

Financial statement:

The Thinkfinity funding was the seed money for this project. I am working with a graduate of our program who is a secondary education teacher and a graduate assistant, a master's level School of Education student. The two assistants are experienced in the area of differentiation. The three of us as a team have had the opportunity to develop, improve and organize the lesson plans for the website.

Data Analysis: Differentiated Lesson Plans, Fall 2009

FULL TEXT DOWNLOADS FOR THE LESSON PLAN THINKFINITY SERIES

Full-Text Downloads for 2004-12-22 through 2009-11-09 for **English-**

Elementary

Title	
English Language Arts	99
Publishing Our Own Writings in New Ways	64
Total	163

Full-Text Downloads for 2004-12-22 through 2009-11-09 for **Math -**

Middle

Title	
Differentiated Lesson Plan: Mean, Median, and Mode	1110
Architect	61
Total	1171

Full-Text Downloads for 2004-12-22 through 2009-11-09 for **Science -**

Elementary

Title	
Water Cycle	79
Science: Volume and Capacity	65
Pollution	63
Total	207

Full-Text Downloads for 2004-12-22 through 2009-11-09 for **Science-**

High School

Title	
Differentiated Lesson: Energy Sources	40
Total	40

Full-Text Downloads for 2004-12-22 through 2009-11-09 for **Social Studies -**

Elementary

Title	
Eastern Woodland Native Americans: The Iroquois	2069
Community Helpers	893
The American Revolution	76
Urban Community Shape Up	42

Total	3080
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Full-Text downloads for 2004-12-22 through 2009-11-09 for **Social Studies - High School**

Title	
Jacksonian Democracy	216

Total	216
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General Total for all series	4877
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