

Newsletter - Volume 4 - Introducing Dawn Dodds, World Days Curriculum Ideas, and the National Charter School Conference June 19-20, 2023

Announcing Dawn Dodds as the new Vice President of Novel Ideas



After over 20 years of working with the Novel Ideas team on a wide range of projects, it is a pleasure to announce that Dawn Dodds, PhD, has taken on the official role of Vice President of Novel Ideas, Inc.

Dawn's wide range of experience in education includes teaching students from early childhood through post-secondary. Outside the classroom, she has worked extensively in curriculum development as well as administration and management.

Over the last decade, Dawn acted as Managing Director for a multi-lingual international language school and then for a not-for-profit specialized in supporting young adults with autism spectrum disorders. From this experience, she brings new expertise in diversity and effective social integration.

You can meet her in person at the upcoming National Charter School Conference in Austin, Texas (19-20 June, booth 1608)!

**Novel Ideas will be attending the
National Charter Schools Conference
19-20 June 2023 in Austin, Texas**

Come and see us at booth #1608.

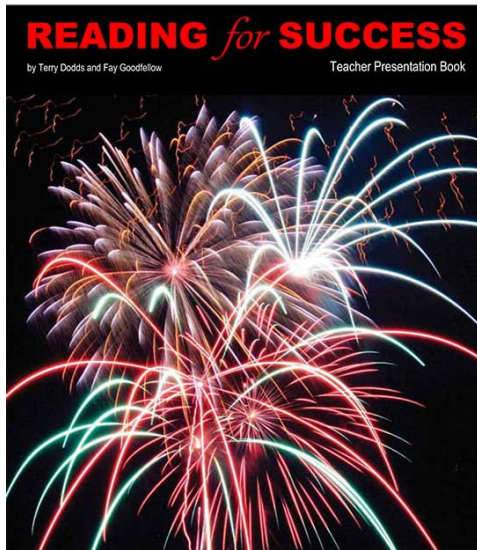
World Days Curriculum Ideas

Today's students face so many challenges understanding our increasingly complex world and figuring out how to navigate the future. Each month, international world days draw special attention to a range of themes pertinent to the times in which we are living. These global days are wonderful opportunities for educators to work with students to explore and reflect on these topics.

At Novel Ideas, we strongly believe that engaging with literature and story telling is one of the most effective (and enjoyable!) tools at our disposal for promoting the kind of engaged learning and self-reflection today's world asks of our young people. Each month, we will highlight a set of world days, paired with novel studies that focus on the identified themes.

The more we know and understand, the more we apply our imaginations to what can be done, the better world we can contribute to building!

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A Novel Study Based on
Iqbal
By Francesco D'Adamo, Translated by Ann Leonori
(2020 Edition)
Reading Level: 5.4, Interest Level: Grades 6-8

June 12: World Day Against Child Labor

Iqbal, by Francesco D'Adamo (trans. Ann Leonori)

Fictionalized version of the true story of Iqbal Masih. Sold into child slavery at a carpet factory, the young, insightful, and brave Iqbal resists the reality of his unpaid turmoil and inspires the other children to do the same.

READING for SUCCESS: You can order the novel study here:

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June 15: Global Wind Day

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind,
by William Kamkwamba and Bryan
Mealer

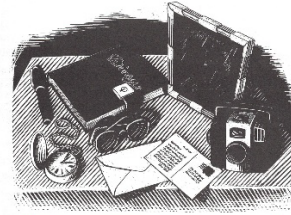
True story of William Kamkwamba who realized his dream of building a windmill that brought water to the fields during a terrible drought in his village in Malawi. All with what scraps he could find at the junkyard!

READERS & WRITERS –
BIOGRAPHY: You can order the materials for using this book to teach the genre biography here:

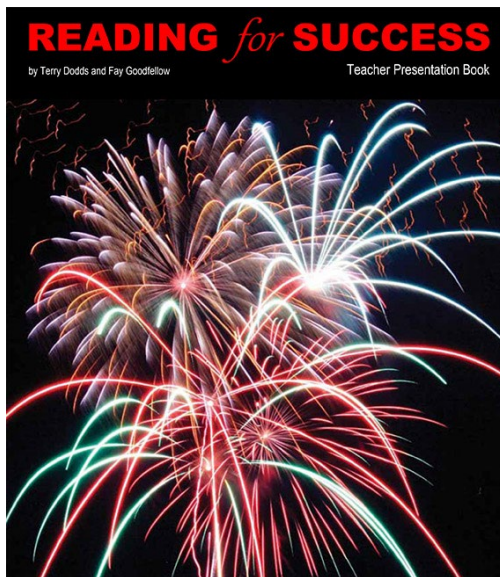
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BECOMING AUTHORS THROUGH GENRE STUDIES



BIOGRAPHY



A Novel Study Based on
Journey to Jo'burg
By Beverley Naidoo
(2022 Edition)
Reading Level: 5.0, Interest Level: Grades 4–8

June 16: International Day of the African Child

Journey to Jo'burg, by Beverly
Naidoo

A touching story about the thirteen-year-old Naledi and her younger brother, Tiro. When their younger sister becomes gravely ill, the two children must find the way from their village to Johannesburg, where their mother is working in domestic service. Throughout this journey, the resourceful children gain an increased understanding of Apartheid and the far-reaching injustices of racial segregation.

READING for SUCCESS: You can order the novel study here:

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CELEBRATING SCHOOL AND STUDENT SUCCESSES

We would like to recognize school and student successes in our newsletter. Please send Terry Dodds (terrydodds@shaw.ca) emails telling us about successes your school and/or students have achieved using our programs.

Please feel free to forward this Newsletter to someone you think would find it useful.

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