



Course Title: Google Lit Trips: Journey Beyond Google Earth: Engaging Learners through Google Lit Trips

Course Credit: 3

Course Description:

This course will give participants a working understanding of Google Earth and its capabilities. Particular emphasis will be placed on developing skills that can be used to create Google Earth projects. Not only will the participants develop the skills needed to create robust meaningful projects, they will also become familiar with many of the features and educational resources found within Google Earth. In particular this course will provide a toolset for teachers to engage students in learning the Google Earth visual geography tool that will allow participants to create a Google Lit Trip during this session. This course will also give participants an extensive understanding of Google Earth, Web 2 and 3.0 tools, and content unit development. Participants will develop extensive units integrating pedagogical strategies for student engagement while infusing academic and technology content standards as well as the extensive integration of children's literature.

Student Learning Objectives - Participants will:

- Utilize basic skills in Google Earth including:
 - Searching, Geography, and Finding Directions
- Apply advanced skills in Google Earth including:
 - Creating Placemarks, Embedding Multimedia and Saving KMZ files
- Construct a collaborative AND individual Google Lit project that will engage learners in literature, introduce geography and activate background knowledge
- Integrate a minimum of 2 content area standards
- Incorporate a minimum of 2 web 2.0/web 3.0 tools