

IB ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL WORKSHOP AGENDA

DP English A1 (Level 2)

New International School of Thailand, Bangkok, Thailand

18 - 20 September 2009, Friday - Sunday

Workshop Leader

David Towe

David first came into contact with the International Baccalaureate when he began studying for the IB Diploma in 1985 at the United World College of the Atlantic in Wales. Having completed his degree in English at Cambridge University in England, he worked in the UK for three years before moving to Italy to work at the International School of Milan. He worked there for 11 years, teaching English A1, English A2 and English B, as well as Theory of Knowledge and served as DP Coordinator for one year. He currently works at the New International School of Thailand (NIST).

David is a Senior Examiner for World Literature in English A1 and a Senior Moderator for Internal Assessment. In addition, he is an Assistant Examiner for Paper 2 and has marked this component at both HL and SL.

For the last three years he has been involved with the curriculum review process of Language A1 and is working on the new Language A Literature course. He participates in the grade award process for English A1 SL. He is also currently working on the co-development of the new online English A1 workshop which will be launched in September of this year.

All participants are requested to bring with them the following:

- A copy of this Agenda
 - English A1 Prescribed Book List (PBL)
 - Prescribed World Literature List (PWL)
 - Any current course outlines/lists of texts
 - Any examples of good practice/teaching activities
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Please note: session topics are subject to change based on needs of the group

Friday, 18 September

0830 - 0900	Welcome & Introduction
0900 - 1000	Session 1: General Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Essential Agreements▪ Language A1 course requirements▪ Questions
1000 - 1030	Morning Break
1030 - 1200	Session 2: Planning a course <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Working with the PBL and PWL▪ Scheduling▪ Course outlines
1200 - 1300	Lunch
1300 - 1430	Session 3: World Literature Assignment 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Teaching Part 1 texts▪ Comparative analysis/selecting a topic▪ Assessment criteria▪ Sample assessments▪ Taking risks: trying new texts▪ Intercultural awareness▪ Historical and geographical context▪ Preparation and research/resources
1430 - 1500	Afternoon Break
1500 - 1630	Session 4: Online Curriculum Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Resources available and navigation▪ Using the forums: discussion and sharing good practice▪ Important documents
1630	End of Day 1

Saturday, 19 September

0830 - 1000	Session 5: World Literature Assignment 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Teaching the different options▪ Imaginative or creative responses▪ Feedback▪ Sample assessments
1000 - 1030	Morning Break
1030 - 1200	Session 6: Paper 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Annotation▪ Structure▪ Teaching ideas▪ Strategies for developing effective commentary skills▪ Using subject reports▪ Assessment criteria▪ Sample assessments

1200 - 1300	Lunch
1300 - 1430	Session 7: Individual Oral Commentary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Teaching strategies ▪ Effective text choices: discussion ▪ Administering the IOC ▪ Assessment criteria ▪ Sample assessments
1430 - 1500	Afternoon Break
1500 - 1630	Session 8: The Extended Essay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Choosing a research topic ▪ Supervision/research process ▪ The new assessment criteria ▪ Sample assessment
1630	End of Day 2
<u>Sunday, 20 September</u>	
0830 - 1000	Session 9: Theory of Knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Using the Subject Guide ▪ Working with the TOK teacher(s) ▪ Finding links ▪ Language and Emotion as Ways of Knowing ▪ Arts and Ethics ▪ Cultural Relativism
1000 - 1030	Morning Break
1030 - 1200	Session 10: Paper 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Part 3 teaching strategies ▪ Effective genre and text choices ▪ Assessment criteria ▪ Sample assessments
1200 - 1300	Lunch
1300 - 1430	Session 11: Individual Oral Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Part 4 teaching strategies ▪ Developing effective presentation skills ▪ Ideas for IOPs
1430 - 1500	Afternoon Break
1500 - 1600	Session 12: Curriculum Review and Conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What will change? ▪ Unresolved questions ▪ Planning ahead
1600	Workshop Closes and Award of Certificates*

* An official "IB Certificate of Attendance" is awarded to participants who have attended all sessions of a workshop. Please ensure that travel arrangements do not preclude candidacy for a certificate.